





## DEMAND GROWS IN FREE PRESS DOLLAR DRIVE

Trade Stimulated by  
Certificates on  
Merchants

Dollar certificates just like dollar bills have proved a stimulant to trade according to merchants who are co-operating with the Midwest Free Press in the free dollar campaign.

Hundreds of the certificates will be in circulation by the end of the week, reports indicate.

Those who take advantage of the subscription offer have only to take their certificates and spend them like money at any of the firms mentioned below.

The response of the public has been surprising to backers of the plan. Results have exceeded expectations. Considering the circulation which the Free Press had already acquired the demand for dollar certificates has proved more than satisfactory. Many who have been subscribing on a weekly basis have taken up the yearly plan in order to get their dollar refunds in the form of a certificate which they can spend like cash.

Here are the prices of business where the certificates may be spent:

A-Muse-U theater.  
Ballow Jewelry Store.  
Batterman Store.  
Barry-Althaus Hardware Co.  
Beutenhauer Drug Store.  
Boosters Cab Co.  
Brownbill Shoe Shop.  
Bryant Fair.  
Crystal Cleaners.  
De Luxe Cleaners and Hatters.  
Edward-Siegel Grocery, Mulberry avenue.  
Ewing Jewelry Store.  
Fischer Shoe Co.  
E. and E. Tire Garage, Mulberry avenue.  
Frederick Grocery, Mulberry avenue.  
Freyermuth Shoe Store, Walnut street.  
Fuhlman Grocery, Walnut street.  
Fullam, C. F., Wholesale and Retail Fruits and Vegetables.  
Glatstein Stores.  
Glick Smart Shop.  
Glick Economy Store.  
Hahn Pharmacy and Fish Co.  
Hossein Dept. Store.  
Hartman, C. L., Optom., 122 E. 2nd street.  
Iowa Dept. Store.  
KTTNT Oil Station.  
KTTNT Store.  
Iowa Electric Co.  
Leyson Shoe Store.  
Melton Grocery.  
McKenzie Cleaners, 4th street.  
Montgomery Ward and Co.  
Muscatine Radio Store.  
Muscatine Shoe Shop.  
Muscatine Cafe.  
Nicholson Battery Co.  
National Bell-Hess Dept. store.  
Pound's Men's Wear.  
People's Grocery.  
Pilgrim Grocery.  
Pitchforth Grocery, Mulberry avenue.  
Puritan Ice Co.  
Roth Shell Oil Stations.  
Royal Specialty Shop.  
Smith Dentists.  
Spurgeon Mercantile Co.  
Stalder Cafe.  
S. G. and Stein Furniture Co.  
Schultz Grocery—501 E. 2nd St.  
Thomsen Installment Co.  
U. S. Bakery.  
Waltman and West Meat and Grocery Market.  
Walsh's Addition, Muscatine.  
Wilson's Shoe Shop.  
Wyninger Tire Shop—Mulberry Ave.  
Zollers Meat Market.

## Norman Baker's Column

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that they be prohibited from belonging to the association and the union both, and that they must select one or the other. Now those same boys who offered their lives for our country, and received about a dollar a day for doing it, are asked to wait years and years to collect what Uncle Sammie rightfully owes them. They are forced to pay 6 per cent interest on the small amount of money they are permitted to borrow on their certificates, and if Uncle Sammie wanted to be one-tenth as kind to the boys who fought for him, as he is to the groups that steal from him, he could pay in full right now this just debt that the government owes these millions of veterans.

This cash payment would help them over the hard ruts; would keep their families; would start money into circulation; and would make everybody realize that prosperity was returning. Nearly a billion dollars would be put into circulation, covering every remote part of the land, and there is no time like the present to do something for the soldier boys. But poor old Uncle Sammie—he stands all alone. He has a heart as big as a bushel basket and would do it immediately if he had his own way, but it all depends upon what Wall Street has to say. Your duty, boys of war associations, is to "right about face" just as you would over there; take charge of your association; kick out the representatives of Wall Street that are among you, holding office; and then you will get somewhere.

## Round Corner

Sheriff Fred Nesper returned last night from Des Moines where he was called on business pertaining to his office after he had taken Elbert Lamb, 15-year-old local boy to the state reformatory at Eldora. Lamb is one of a trio of boy shoplifters recently apprehended here.

Miss Grace Stevens, county home demonstration agent, and Miss Ruth Snider, office secretary of the Muscatine County Farm Bureau, left this noon by automobile to attend the Farm and Home week sessions at Ames.

Women of the Sweetland division of the Muscatine County Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Harold Pace for study of the third lesson on "Diet for the School Child." A potluck lunch was served at noon.

Action by the Lions club of Muscatine which in the past few years has sponsored the annual county spelling contest, is awaited before final decision is made by county school officials regarding the event. E. D. Bradley, county superintendent of schools, announced today. It has not yet been determined whether the contest will be oral or written.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Duncan, 1014 East Third street, are noted in the condition of Winfield Wells, 1217 East Front street, who incurred injuries to his fingers Monday. The third and fourth fingers of his right hand were crushed when a barrel of oil he was moving slipped and fell.

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## TWO HELD FOR THEFT OF CAR ASK HEARINGS

Fitzsimmons Admits  
He Stole McKee  
Machine Here

Two of five men arrested in connection with the theft of Mrs. Albert S. McKee's LaSalle car were to be arraigned before Justice H. D. Horst late this afternoon.

Three of those held were brought here yesterday from Davenport where they were caught with the car.

Harold Fitzsimmons of Knoxville has confessed to taking the machine from Muscatine. Chief Mark Taylor said today. He implicated Everett Overton and Earl Sibley. Overton was picked up shortly after the prisoners were brought from Davenport. Sibley was picked up later in the day.

Insists Overton Took Car

Fitzsimmons claims to have driven the car from this city but insists that Overton procured the car for him. Sibley was mentioned in connection with the theft of another machine.

Peter Thiel of Davenport and Raymond Hill of Bussey, Ia., were the two who demanded a hearing. Fitzsimmons said that he picked up the car from the Davenport police, that they had nothing to do with the theft of the car from here. Both Thiel and Hill protested that they were innocent, when arrested by the Davenport police.

"I am inclined to think that neither of those boys were guilty of the theft," Chief Mark Taylor said. "They have demanded a hearing and they shall have it today."

## BILLY SUNDAY TO START TOUR FOR DRY CAUSE

Foes of Liquor Are  
Alarmed at Wet  
Strength

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES  
WASHINGTON.—(INS)—Pro-military rumblings of the prohibition battle that is to shake both major parties in the presidential campaign of 1932 are being heard with increasing frequency as the 72nd congress approaches its constitutional fete-out on March 4.

The Wickersham report, with its anomalies and paradoxes, has served to stiffen the lines of both wets and drys. It can be said and is pointed to with pride and viewed with alarm by all factions.

## Much Ado About Nothing at Our Boarding House

You've heard of folks who spilled the beans, but did you ever hear of the gent who spilled the cranberry sauce? Well, that's when you see it. It actually happened the other day at our boarding house. Total results: The cook had to change the table linens and two boarders had to change their trousers. They weren't frightened, but oh, boy, they were riled up.

Then somebody said: "Well, John, why get so over a lap full of cranberry sauce? You are a little bit out of your mind, aren't you?"

Mrs. Beamblossom Orates

Then Mrs. Beamblossom chimed in. She said there too, "You John, you are too temperamental. You are up in the air all the time."

"Well," said John, "it's not so bad to be up in the air when you get poked for it."

"How's that?" said Mrs. Beamblossom.

"Well, you see, I'm a telephone lineman. John named butler. Then the town philosopher turned the tide (not the cranberry sauce) by telling the bunch telephone linemen were not the only fellows who were up in the air. There are others who are just as temperamental as the boys on the line."

Here's his version:

"Now there's the plumber—he's on his knees half the time. What about your painter friends? Aren't they busy covering up most of the time. Yes, and there's the doctor, who goes to the undertaker and requests that his mistakes all be buried, he feels so badly about it. There's sentimentality you read about. Then look at the poor baker man. He always needs the dough, yet he is just too sentimental to ask for it. And did you ever ask the tailor to do a job for you but what he started cutting up right away? It's no disgrace to be sentimental."

After he had finished everybody breathed a sigh of relief.

Dentist Has Awful Pull

Then the dentist joined in the conversation. His anecdote was that he didn't possess much sentimentality but he had an awful pull on his patients, and he was willing for them to be as sentimental as they pleased.

Then the acetylene welder sitting across the table piped in: "That's nothing to blow about. When you get a bad break and can blow about it, that's what I claim is high class sentiments."

Then everybody looked at the clock and it was time to go to work.

## Templar Cruise Is Discussed at Meet

Experiences on his trip on the Knight Templar World cruise were told Tuesday evening by C. C. Hagerman at a meeting of the Knights Templar lodge in Masonic hall. The speaker told of visiting Africa, Germany and France. Mr. Hagerman is past master of Iowa lodge No. 2 A. F. of A. M.

On March 3, A. E. Othmer, past grand commander, Knights Templar, will tell of his experiences on the same cruise. Mr. Hagerman and Mr. Othmer traveled different routes during a part of their visit to Europe.

## Oster and Ebbetts To Substitute for Canzonieri-Hess Go

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(INS)—Willie Oster, Boston lightweight, meets Harry Ebbett of the Brooklyn at the Stadium tonight in the ten-round wind-up. The Oster-Ebbetts bout was substituted for the scheduled windup between Tony Canzonieri and Goldie Hess, both of whom were taken ill.

Jose Santa, the giant from Portugal, engages Knute Nelson of Racine, Wis., in a ten round affair. Santa planned to enter the ring tonight at a mere 260 pounds.

He is to be held in Muscatine county on Saturday, and list of books that teachers are required by the Iowa Teachers' reading list committee for the year were mailed out from the office of the county superintendent of schools today.

## Senate Confirms Two Appointments

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 4.—(INS)—The senate today confirmed the appointments of C. C. Repe to the state highway commission and A. L. Ulick to the state labor commission.

Repe is now a member of the highway commission. His term was to have expired July 1, 1931.

Ulick's appointment becomes effective July 1, 1931.

## VISITORS AT K-TNT

On FEB. 3

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riggs, South Bend, Ind.  
Mr. and Mrs. Schmitz, Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Miss Lydia Schmitz, Calvary, Wis.  
R. R. Miller, Canton, Miss.  
J. Siefeldt, Clinton, Ia.  
Joseph Hinek, Swisher, Ia.  
F. J. Rolocena, Fairfield, Ia.  
J. F. Lohr, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Elmer Wetaussek, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Charles Wetaussek, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Cesar Collister, Galva, Ill.  
Nick Vassich, Clinton, Ia.  
Axel Nissan, Clinton, Ia.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peterson, Galva, Ill.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peterson, et al.  
Miss Margaret Hamill, Alnsworth, Wis.  
H. H. Hamill, Alnsworth, Ia.  
Mrs. W. F. Basham, Burlington, Ia.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Platt, St. Louis, Mo.

## County Votes GAS PIPE LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Supervisors Vote to  
Allow Extension  
Over Roads

Permission to operate and maintain across Muscatine county highways and the drainage ditch in the west part of the county, that part of the natural gas pipe line being built from the Texas oil fields to Chicago, was granted this morning by the Muscatine board to the Continental Construction company.

Equipment has already been placed on the ground and a large force of workmen are in readiness to begin work on the project at once, it was announced by representatives of the construction company.

Under the terms of the contract, the company agreed to assume responsibility for any damage done to the highways over which the gas line will cross, providing the amount does not exceed a sum to be fixed by the ordinance maintenance would require.

The question of hauling the gas pipe over county dirt roads to the ditch and its possible damage to dirt and gravel roads was discussed at length, but assurance was given by the company's representative that precaution would be exercised and reimbursement made in case of any damage to the roads. Much of the hauling will be done on unfrequented roads.

## Old Shoe Cobbler, 85, Plans to Quit And Rest When 100

Iowa's oldest active shoe cobbler is Herman Hoffman, 85 years of age, who holds down a man's sized job, walks two miles to work, and saves a few dollars a day.

Mr. Hoffman is now making plans to celebrate 50 years of service in the employ of the same institution, the Wilson Shoe store in Muscatine.

He has in this period worn out five floors in his little shoe shop in the rear of the shoe store. Four generations have come and gone during the time he has been employed.

He has never worn glasses and wears his 85th year. "I expect to retire at 100 years and enjoy the remainder of my life at ease," Mr. Hoffman told his friends today.

During his 50 years with the store he has been off duty only three days and this was on account of the death of his wife. He has never been late to work and walks to and from his employment.

He makes his own home and prepares the meals for himself and children, putting in several hours each day with activities outside his regular employment.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Schweinfurt, Germany, in 1846 and came to America in 1869, settling in Muscatine.

## Last of Livestock Schools Tonight; as Club Class Attends

The conclusion of a series of six livestock schools conducted in Muscatine county by Prof. Joseph Vail of the state extension department at Ames, will be held tonight at the Jefferson school in Muscatine with members of the agricultural class of the high school present.

Prof. Vail held a special school this afternoon at the Nichols town hall. Meetings were held Tuesday afternoon at Cranston school in Cedar township and at No. 1 school in Lake township in the evening.

Cost of livestock feeding was explained by the speaker, who used a chart to illustrate his talk.

## Sweetland M. E. Men Will Meet Friday

The Men's Brotherhood of the Sweetland M. E. church will meet in the church basement Friday evening Feb. 6 at 8:00 o'clock. An invitation is extended to all to attend the affair and the following program will be presented: A debate "Resolved that the Country is a Better Place for Human Development than the City," to be discussed by Lester Bill and Albert Heltzer; Russell Bill and Edgar Heltzer; reading by Charles Drumm; xylophone selections by Miss Gladys Sissel. Refreshments will be served and a social hour will follow the program.

## Y. M. C. A. Leaguers Will Play Tonight

Basketball teams in the Commercial league will play the fourth round of games on the Y. M. C. A. floor tonight. The games scheduled are Rotarians vs. Brown's Business College; Texaco company vs. Y. M. C. A.; Broun company vs. Weber company; Senior Boys Band vs. Standard Oil company.

## With Sick Friends At the Hospitals

Bellevue

The superintendent reported no new cases for the Free Press today.

Hersey

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Baker

New patients admitted to the Baker hospital Tuesday are Carl M. Dehl, Harper's Ferry, Ia., Adolph Chindlund, R. R. No. 6, Alcedo, Ill., and Mrs. Joseph Patek, of Omaha, Neb.

Charles Dunivan of Ft. Madison, visited today with her husband who is a patient at the Baker hospital.

## LIE IS PASSED AS HOUSE AND SENATE CLASH

Want Rules Changed  
So Members Can  
'Call Names'

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(INS)—The congress, which began its labors two months ago with mutual pledges of harmony and good will, went into the home stretch today with charges of "lies" being tossed back and forth between the two houses, with fist fights being narrowly averted, and with tempers strained to the breaking point all over the Capitol.

Seldom in history has there been such spectacular flare-ups as the present session has witnessed since its reassembly following the holiday recess.

Everybody to Blame

The Republic's blame the Democrats for this state of affairs, the Democrats blame the Republicans and President Hoover, and Mr. Hoover's friends, in turn, blame congress indiscriminately.

The outer fringe of the circle the Conservatives blame the Progressives only to have the charge taken up and hurled back at them. Speaker Longworth, notified by some of the criticism visited upon him in the senate, actually said he would entertain a motion for such a change in the rules. The statement was cheered on the floor.

Lie Is Passed

This followed savage attacks on the senate by Rep. Cramton, Republican of Michigan, who has been accused by Senator Caraway, Democrat of Arkansas, the day before, with "feathering his own nest" with a \$10,000-year job, while leading the opposition to granting \$25,000,000 to feed the hungry in Arkansas.

"The man who says that is a liar," shouted Cramton. And instead of the Michigan representative being called to order, the Republican side cheered, while the Democratic side shouted and yelled.

Another member to come within the range of Caraway's biting sarcasm was Rep. Treadway, Republican of Massachusetts, who also was prominent in the house rejection of the senate's \$25,000,000 food offer. Caraway had charged Treadway with inconsistency in that at the time of the Salem (Mass.) fire, Treadway had led a fight for a federal appropriation of \$200,000 for relief.

Treadway demanded a change in the house rules so that names could be called.

"We are not going to sit here quietly and take that sort of talk," Speaker Longworth said. "We are not going to sit here and have that sort of abuse of members of this house broadcast to the country."

It has been a long time since the feeling between house and senate has been so strained.

## PIPE LINE JOB TO START SOON

Actual construction work on a gas pipe line which is to cross the river here will probably not be started for 10 days or more, representatives of the Continental Construction company said today.

Excavating machinery has arrived and was being unloaded this afternoon. The pipe has not yet arrived, however, and is not expected for a week or more.

The pipe line is a part of a system extending from the Texas Panhandle and will be a subsequent line from the Muscatine airport to two farms in Fruitland township, was made to the board of supervisors this morning by Frank Strouse of Fruitland. The hearing was set for March 2, at 2 o'clock before the board of supervisors.

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## INQUEST HELD IN DEMISE OF J. H. CRABTREE

Hurts Were Indirect  
Cause of Death,  
Jury Finds

Injuries received when struck by an automobile Saturday evening were indirectly responsible for the death of John H. Crabtree, according to a verdict returned by the coroner's jury in the Wittich funeral home this morning.

The testimony of Dr. J. L. Klein, one of the witnesses, indicated that the injuries received by Mr. Crabtree would not have had a serious effect on a younger man. However, due to his advanced age, and the fact that he was suffering of arterial sclerosis, the injuries had more effect on Mr. Crabtree than they would have had on a younger man.

Theodore McKee, driver of the automobile which struck Mr. Crabtree, was another witness. He said that he first saw the man when he was about thirty feet in front of the car. Mr. McKee attempted to stop his automobile, he said, and turned the front wheels to the left, but his car skidded on the ice and the rear fender knocked Mr. Crabtree to the pavement.

Henry Scott, who said he was driving behind the McKee car was another witness. He corroborated Mr. McKee's testimony and added that both cars were traveling about 25 miles an hour when the accident happened.

Other witnesses were Frank Thuren and John Strain of the police department who were called to the scene of the accident and who took Mr. Crabtree to the Bellevue hospital.

Jurors were Ed Sander, Carl P. Schroeder and Frank G. Wilford. The funeral services for Mr. Crabtree will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Wittich funeral home with the Rev. Ira Hawley of the United Brethren church officiating. Burial will be in the Illinois City cemetery.

## WOULD REDUCE BANK FAILURES

Changes in Law Proposed  
by Owen  
Young

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(INS)—A proposal to charter all so-called deposit banks under federal control as national banks, as distinguished from savings banks, was made today by Owen D. Young, of New York, author of the German reparation plan, before the Glass senate banking sub-committee.

Young declared the existing situation is so serious that federal control should be effected, by a constitutional amendment if that is not sufficient authority to do it.

"We have seen thousands of bank failures," he said, "and it is a great reflection on the American people if they can't get protection against this condition. If it is finally decided the federal government hasn't the authority to correct this, I see no way except through amendment to the constitution. We should try the first step and if it is not effective the second. For the country cannot go on like this."

Young told the committee all commercial deposit banking should be carried under one law and examination of their books and their control under one authority.

"Their reserves should be mobilized in the federal reserve system," he said.

## Small Daughter of Illinois Couple Is Dead; Rites Friday

Dorothy Pearl Shetler, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shetler, Buffalo, Prairie township, Ill., died at the home of her parents last night. She had been ill two weeks of pneumonia.

Surviving besides the parents are one brother, Merle, three sisters, Mary, Anna Marie and Laura Mae, all at home, her grandmothers, John Shetler of Oakland, Calif., and Theodore Wolf of Buffalo, Prairie township.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 1:15 p. m. from the home and at 2 p. m. from the Illinois Methodist Episcopal church. Burial will be in the Illinois City Cemetery with the Rev. Caleb Larson officiating.

## Permit Sought for Transmission Line To Fruitland Farms

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## DISTRICT COURT

Letters of administration were issued Tuesday to Edward R. Well and Eugene F. Well, in the estate of William Well, deceased, and the bond of both filed.

In the estate of Andrew Vetter deceased, letters of administration were issued to Mattia Vetter, a administratrix, who filed her bond.

## BILL TO RAISE SOLDIER RELIEF PASSES HOUSE

Six Measures Are Approved at Morning Session

By DON F. HAWKINS  
DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—(INS)—Six bills were passed by the house of representatives this morning.

A bill making it optional for boards of supervisors to levy a tax of one-half instead of one-half mill as now provided by law for a soldier's relief fund passed by a vote of 94 to 4. Rutledge, (R) of Fort Dodge, is author of the measure.

Legalization of the board of supervisors of Decatur county was authorized by a bill.

A bill sponsored by Forsling, (R) of Sioux City, and Kern, (R) of Polk, relating to the guardianship of veterans was approved.

The bill by the committee on judiciary relating to action against persons in military or naval service passed by a vote of 101 to 0. The committee on judiciary bill relating to the refusal of township officers to qualify was given passage by a vote of 99 to 0.

Some Bills Returned

Considerable debate over a bill introduced by Helgeson, (R) of Armstrong, providing for the assessment of agricultural lands owned by the state resulted in the measure being referred back to the ways and means committee.

A similar fate was accorded a bill relating to abandoned lots in cemeteries introduced by Wearin, (D) of Hastings. This measure was referred again to the committee on public lands and buildings.

An act relating to the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks by the committee on cities and towns was approved.

A bill was introduced today by Short, (R) of Sioux City, providing for a uniform system of accounting in the examination of public accounts so as to include officers and officers of independent school districts.

Fabritz, (D) of Ottumwa, is author of a bill relating to the general duties of county officers, deputies and clerks.

A bill which limits the height, weight and length of motor vehicles and trailers was introduced by Witt, (R) of Shell Rock.

Expense Bill Approved

An appropriation for \$1,171.96 or "so much as is necessary" to pay the expenses of the election contest of L. W. B. and Earl H. Fabritz of Wapello county was made by the house.

"Of this sum \$1,009.50 is allowed for attorneys' fees."

Rutledge, (D) of Beman, placed a bill before the house authorizing the establishment, maintenance and improvement of township parks.

Mayne, (R) of Council Bluffs, is author of a bill to discontinue operation of the street railway lines by the Omaha-Council Bluffs and Southern Railway company from Council Bluffs.



## Society Chatter, Features and Helpful Hints for the Women

## Eastern Star Gives Bridge Party Tuesday

The first of a series of bridge parties given by Electa chapter, No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star was enjoyed yesterday afternoon at the Masonic temple. Members of the Eastern Star and White Shrine and also all women related to Master Masons participated.

Mrs. Ernest Hoffman received high score award and second prize was won by Miss Jennie Collins. The decorations were attractively carried out in orchid and white. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the game and the committee in charge of the affair included Mrs. Alice Wilford, Mrs. Clara Hann, Mrs. Verna Zoller, Mrs. Maude Houdek and Mrs. Daisy Hahn.

## Delta Alpha Class Has Program

In an artistic setting of patriotic decorations the Delta Alpha class of the First Baptist church enjoyed a patriotic program and social meeting in the club room last evening. Sixty-five members were present and refreshments were enjoyed later in the evening.

Mrs. R. E. Warner presided at the business session and immediately following the program was presented:

Piano solo—Miss Pearl Holzhauser.

Talk on "True Patriotism"—Mrs. Hitchcock.

Song "America the Beautiful"—The group.

Reading, "A Perfect Tribute to Patriotism"—Miss A. Maree Othmer.

Patriotic Quiz conducted by Mrs. Augusta Rumsey.

The class will meet again the first Tuesday in March.

Miss Rummels Is Complimented

Miss Edna Rummels was pleasantly surprised Tuesday afternoon when the Girl Reserves of Franklin school entertained in her honor after school. Miss Rummels is sponsor for the group. The time was enjoyed socially and then a supper was served.

The hostess entertained with the following program:

Talk on the recent Y. W. C. A. banquet—Rachel Allmandinger.

Duet—Gertrude Nichols and Elizabeth Fulgrader.

Reading—"Gold Island"—Howardine Massey.

Virginia Reel—Laura May Bowlby, June Calloway, Cora Whisler, Rachel Allmandinger, Gertrude Nichols and Howardine Massey.

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W. M. A. Has Meeting Tuesday Afternoon

The W. M. A. of the United Brethren church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Kintzle, 615 Oak street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Carrie Mull had charge of devotions and Mrs. Harry Meeker read "The Return." The program was in charge of Mrs. John Gertenbach, thank offering secretary. Duet, Mrs. Grace Kintzle and Mrs. Grace Kintzle; memorial thank offering service in memory of Mrs. Bender.

On Feb. 20 the group will observe the world day of prayer. On March 3 Mrs. Charles Hankins will be hostess to the society.

## Bridge-Auction and Contract

By the Author:  
MILTON C. WORK

AN EASY HAND

6-5	9-8-7
10-4	10-3-2
10-2	10-1
10-1	10-0
10-0	10-0
10-0	10-0
10-0	10-0
10-0	10-0
10-0	10-0
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The above hand at Auction Bridge would be played by South at no Trump.

At Contract Bridge South would bid two No Trumps and North three. The margin for North's three-bid would be very close, but a five-card suit headed by an Ace is sufficient to jump partner's two No Trumps to three. If it were only a four-card suit it would fall short of the jumping requirements unless the hand contained some other count.

In the play West obligingly opened with a Spade and South won with the Queen. South then led the King of Clubs and a second Club which dummy ducked but East overtook his partner's Jack of Clubs with the Queen and led a Spade through the South hand. South won and put dummy in to run the remaining Clubs, so at that stage of the play Declarer had accumulated four Clubs and two Spades.

Three more tricks were needed for game and it was Declarer's last chance to try a finesse. North led a Diamond and South played the Queen although with only six of the suit in the combined hands. The Ten usually is finessed from Ace-Queen-Ten; but Declarer needed only three tricks for game and with the Ace of Hearts on the side could make it by playing the Queen if East had the King. Had South played the Ten of Diamonds West would have won, run his Spades and Declarer's hope for game would have ended then and there.

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## DARE Interprets the Mode



A elegant evening gown of black velvet from Lenief, with a skirt cut into a longer line that is almost a train in the back, is today's sketch. The décolletage is most discreet, and a white flower lends a dash of color. They are so hard to do justice to in a sketch, these elegant gowns which look so well on.—DARE (Copyright, 1931).

## Chic Spring Hats to Have One Brim More Important Than the Other

BY ALICE LANGELEIR

PARIS—Spring hats are going to be brim full of chic, but this means one side only. One-sided brims are the rule for first early brims now appearing, or at any rate, one brim must be longer and more important than the other.

Gaby Mon, one of Paris' smartest modistes, is showing a new model in white yedda with the brim turned off the face and trimmed with grosgrain ribbon in two shades of blue. An ocean-blue picot straw has a speckled pheasant quill laid across the upturned front of the brim which is much longer on the right side.

Patou makes a one-sided shape in linen, blue sash with novel trimmings of pink and blue galalith buttons and the edge overturned in pink thread.

Dressier brimmed hats will have tricky effects, as for instance brims quite long in front or back but not in both places.

Cloches will have three or four inch brims this spring and most of them have their crowns so shallow that the brim, often wired, stands up from the forehead in bonnet effect.

There will also be many draped, knotted and pinched brims. In fact, a kind of brim that Madame wants. Very popular is the brim with the length at back of the neck and lifted to simulate a bandeau in front. It is not wide at the sides.

In Paris the chic Parisienne is wearing: Little toques of black, gray or brown astrakhan in shaded tones, slightly lifted at the sides and poised on the back of the head showing only a bit of very carefully waved hair.

An original toque of wool encrusted with astrakhan, recalls the toreador's cap. The clip is posed on the hair and holds the little veil of large mesh.

Silk stockings in sombre tones, brown and smoke-gray, of very fine mesh and without side "clocks." Up to the present season, the Parisienne has always stuck to her "grisottes."

Soft black suede gloves, very supple and wide at the wrist, folded back to show a white lining.

Afternoon frocks of crepe de chine in two contrasting tones, blue and white, black and white, rose and black, brown and champagne, the lighter tone forming a kind of yoke-piece and the sleeves.

The diamond clip holds the décolleté draped over the lingerie corsage for afternoon gowns and on evening gowns is worn in the center of the back.

A great deal of brown antelope, bag and shoes matching the fur of the coat or its trimming.

from fire, add vanilla turn into buttered tin, and while warm mark into squares and press a nut half onto each square.

Elizabeth Boehme  
1210 Lincoln Blvd.  
Muscatine, Ia.

Home Pickled Pork  
Cut about 25 pounds of medium side pork in pieces so they will fit

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## Mrs. A. G. Hoopes Entertains Club Girls at Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Austin Hoopes entertained members of the Fidelis club of the Y. W. C. A. last evening following their business meeting at the association building. Members of the Zenith and Dulino clubs were present for the talk.

Mrs. Hoopes subject included comments of the Iowa Study conference held Jan. 18 at Des Moines. She stressed the social problems that the "Y" girls should try to solve. Mrs. Hoopes mentioned that many of the topics discussed at the recent conference would be presented at the Mid-winter Conference to be held at Des Moines Feb. 7 and 8.

Members of the Fidelis club enjoyed a supper in the tea room of the Y. W. C. A. last evening preceding the business meetings.

Birthday Party At Bray Home  
A group of friends entertained at a birthday party Tuesday complimentary to Fred Thompson. The affair was given at the home of Mrs. Emma Bray. Fourteen enjoyed the occasion and presented Mr. Thompson with a watch.

A supper was served following the evening's pastimes of cards and games.

Auxiliary to Give Pot Luck Supper

The American Legion auxiliary will have a pot luck supper for members and their families at the Legion home Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. Odette Grimm and Mrs. Freda Chant will be in charge of arrangements. A business meeting will follow the supper.

Walter Herwig to Be Class Host

The Pathfinders class of the United Brethren Sunday school will meet tonight at the home of Walter Herwig, 716 East Eighth street. This will be the regular monthly business meeting.

Industrial Society To Have Meeting

The Industrial society of the First Presbyterian church will convene at the church parlors Thursday afternoon. They will card tables and later refreshments will be served by the committee including Miss Ida Drake and Mrs. George Eichenauer.

"Old Fashioned Skule" To Be Presented

Bloomington Township Farm Bureau will enjoy the presentation of an "Old Fashioned Skule" Friday night at the Bloomington Grange hall.

Miss Christiansen Weds H. G. Shaw

Miss Irene Christiansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Christiansen, 322 Green street and Harry G. Shaw, son of Mrs. Edith Shaw, 338 West Second street, were married Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Methodist church at Rock Island.

The Rev. Edwin G. Sandmeyer officiated, reading the single ring ceremony. Mrs. E. C. Christiansen, Mrs. Edith Shaw, Mrs. C. Killian and Mr. and Mrs. Edith Ogilvie witnessed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw will reside in St. Louis following their wedding trip.

In a five gallon jar. Rub salt into the surface of the meat before putting in the jar. Make a brine of one pound of brown sugar and four pounds of salt and one gallon of water. Skim off any impurity, boil, let cool and pour over the pork in the jar. Cover with a plate and weight and time will do the rest. Have meat covered with brine.

Mrs. Minnie Pantel  
315 Kinder avenue  
Muscatine, Ia.

A knotless tow line for automobiles has been invented that is attached by inserting knobs at its ends through slots in the rope.

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Potatoes Phone 777  
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Florida oranges, per peck, 55c

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What's the Joke, Al?

—By POP MOMAND

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

SO KITTY PHONED YOU TWICE THIS MORNING?

YEP!! BUT I HUNG UP ON HER AND WOULDN'T LISTEN TO A WORD SHE SAID! I SAW THAT GUY PATTING HER CHEEK—SHE CAN'T TRIFLE WITH MY AFFECTIONS, EVEN IF SHE IS WORTH A FEW MILLION—

THERE'S THE BELL! WAIT'LL I SEE WHO IT IS, UNK!

KITTY KIPPER PHONED ME TO DROP IN AND SEE HER, AND I DID! AND, OH BOY! IS THAT UNCLE OF YOURS A DUMB ISAAC! GEE! GOOFY, WAIT TILL I TELL YOU THIS—HA—HA!! IT'S RICH—IT'S JUICY!!

HA—HA—HA—A—A!! EDDIE, YOU'RE A CLEVER GUY—OH! WHAT A SAP!! HA—HA!!

ER—ER—WHAT'S THE IDEA? WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

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## Philathea Class Has Meeting

Forty-two members of the Philathea class of the First Methodist Episcopal church met last evening in the banquet room of the church for their regular monthly meeting.

After the business meeting games and contests were enjoyed and then refreshments were served. Hostesses for the affair were Mesdames L. S. Penrose, W. P. Pulse, George Williams, George Hahn, H. R. Othmer, Fred Otto, R. E. Henderson, William Eisner and Miss Ann Goddard.

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Hannan's aversion changed to astonishment. He marveled at the dynamic influence that must have been exerted by Old Winthrop on this man, an influence that was in force even now.

"What was the promise?" he asked. Traycore passed to the table and looked down at the roses in the vase. "Old Winthrop made me promise that, if the clock above the iron door should ever stop, I would instantly refrain from the use of the stimulant you saw me inject into my veins a moment ago."

Hannan started. "Did Old Winthrop have an idea the clock would stop?"

"Naturally, it can't keep running forever. Something is certain to wear out. That isn't the point, however," Traycore croaked, mouth twisted in a curious smile. "Old Winthrop knew that, once I stopped using the stimulant, I would be a raving lunatic within a few hours and a dead man in a day or two."

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### A President With Backbone

Regardless of the merits of the controversy now raging between the senate and President Hoover over the senate's attempt to add \$25,000,000 for Red Cross relief funds to one of the appropriation bills, fair-minded people will applaud the President for standing firmly by his convictions. Expediency would dictate a compromise, as has been urged upon Mr. Hoover by administration leaders, but the President is convinced that such an appropriation is wrong in principle, stultifies initiative in collecting voluntary contributions and paves the way for future raids on federal funds under similar circumstances. Mr. Hoover makes out a good case when he says:

"This is not an issue as to whether people shall go hungry and cold in the United States. It is solely a question as to the best method by which hunger and cold shall be prevented. It is a question as to whether the American people on the one hand will maintain the spirit of charity and mutual self help through voluntary giving and the responsibility of local government as distinguished on the other hand from appropriations out of the federal treasury for such purposes."

Answering his critics who claimed Mr. Hoover approved the appeal to congress for 100 millions to feed starving Europeans in 1919 whereas he is now opposed to granting a quarter of that sum for his fellow-countrymen, the President says that the people of European nations were helpless to offer aid while no such conditions exist here.

In the meantime it looks like part of that huge Red Cross

surplus is going to be put to good use instead of piling up more interest. After being asleep at the switch for several weeks, according to Washington reports, the organization has finally awakened to the fact an emergency exists and adequate relief is now being afforded. Let the good work go on and if more funds are needed it will be proved that the American people can take care of their own without dipping into public funds.

### And The People Pay

A New York bank failed for eighty million dollars. Just how much of this depositors will get back remains to be seen but indications are that it will be very little. Big Business was in the saddle and much of the funds that were loaned were without adequate security.

It is the same old story only a little worse in this instance. New York financiers saw a chance to make some easy money. They took the chance and now 450,000 depositors are the losers. Many of the accounts, hundreds of them for less than a thousand dollars, represented the entire savings of people who must now start all over again.

Where were the bank examiners while these manipulations were in progress? How much longer will a financial system be allowed to continue that can take hard-earned money from those who can least afford it?

One can understand where hard times, frozen credits, etc., may cause temporary difficulties even among well-managed banks, but it seems that the bigger the bank the more chance for dishonesty, and the people pay.

### "It Won't Be Long Now"

It will not be many weeks before the crack of the bat against horsehide will again be heard in the land. The Stove League sessions are about over. We are reminded of

this by the departure of old Connie Mack from Philadelphia for Florida. This Nestor of baseball, now in his sixty-eighth year, is going south ahead of his boys so he can get a little rest before the spring training season begins. If he has as strenuous a season ahead of him as was the 1930 race, when his team won the world championship, he will need all the rest he can get.

We also note that Hack Wilson, the Chicago Cub slugger, has signed his 1931 contract with no great increase in salary. But if Hack can continue to wallop out home runs this year he will be as valuable to the Cubs as Babe Ruth is to the Yankees and next year he should be able to demand something like the \$75,000 that the King of Swat is paid.

Indoor sports are all right but nothing can take the place of baseball. It has drawn bigger crowds than any other sport in history. Games may come and games may go but it seems that baseball will go on forever. And it deserves every bit of its popularity so long as it is kept at its present high standard.

### A Few "Ifs"

If the forthcoming court martial proceedings against Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler would not be held behind closed doors; if the general produced indisputable evidence that what he said of Mussolini was true, including a statement from young Vanderbilt, who was the source of Butler's information, and, if, in the course of events, the Italian premier learned that General Butler "had the goods" on him, what will our worthy secretary of state do then?

Over in Italy they don't talk about II Duce, at least not in the open. It is too unhealthy. Such folks, if nothing worse happens to them, are sent away to a little island to meditate on their transgressions. The premier is a past master in the art of suppression. Over here, fortunately, we have not

been muzzled. We say pretty much what we please whether we are talking about Americans or foreigners. All we have to do is to tell the truth.

If by any chance General Butler did tell the truth and the same is broadcast to the world, how is our state department going to solve that problem? To the man on the fence it looks like the cure is going to be worse than the disease, which makes it just possible that the desire of the Italian government for nothing more than a reprimand has some significance. Mussolini, on receipt of the apology, said that so far as he was concerned the matter was closed. It may be that it has just started.

It is man's longing for better things that gives birth to his love for woman.

There are times when the almighty dollar will not get as far as a little politeness.

Most men tell a woman that she is the only one he ever loved merely from force of habit.

The only way you can hurt some men is by striking them on the pocketbook.

The medium should always be in good spirits.

Gossip is the mother-in-law of falsehood.

### Our Platform for the People Is:

1. Less taxation.
2. Fewer state commissions.
3. Universal school books.
4. Lower freight rates.
5. Return of river transportation.
6. A cleanup of some state institutions.
7. More efficiency in public offices.



### "HEMORRHOIDS"

Varicose veins are a familiar sight to anyone who has the least knowledge of all of the human body. Such varicose veins may appear in various parts of the body. When they affect the inferior hemoroidal plexus in the lowest portion of the rectum they are known as hemorrhoids, or piles.

We distinguish the types of hemorrhoids by several terms: We speak of internal piles and external piles. Also, we speak of bleeding piles, or of non-bleeding piles. There is not much difference.

You should, however, know something about the bleeding that takes place. Remember, the pile is a swollen, inflamed, and often a small blood and decomposed tissue.

It is necessary this often get out. Nature's method of relief is through the bleeding stool. Unfortunately, this is sometimes painful, and where constipation still persists, very often infection takes place when the raw, diseased surface becomes exposed to the retained fecal mass.

Again we can see the tremendous importance of a clean bowel in overcoming this trouble.

Few sufferers, indeed, realize the results which may follow neglected rectal troubles. Hemorrhoids cause many complications: including, Prolapsus, Prolapsus, and many other disturbances, often leading to Cancer.

Most people have an idea that so long as there is little or no pain, there can be no harm in letting the trouble go on. This is a very serious mistake. Yet, many people will not believe this, and will allow their trouble to progress until they become physical wrecks. They will take treatment for numerous other conditions such as stomach trouble, neuritis, rheumatism, etc., etc., all kinds of headaches, pains in the eyes, and also colitis and quite often nervous functional troubles of the stomach, liver, bladder, heart, and kidneys.

Hemorrhoids will sometimes cause reflex pains in the abdomen, pelvic organs, across the back and down the legs, loss of memory, vigor and physical energy.

The rectum is abundantly supplied with nerves from both the sacral plexus, and from the plexus. Both of these are extensions of the great sympathetic nervous system that extend along both sides of the spinal column up to the base of the brain.

No one can possibly be well and happy when, due to one or more rectal disorders, their nervous system is subjected to such a strain.

In many instances X-ray pictures

will show the bowel fallen into the lower abdomen, where it becomes a cesspool of worms and poisons, from the continued use of strong purgatives.

This prolapsed condition causes "chronic appendicitis" for which, an operation will not reach the seat of the trouble. Also, this condition often causes a distorted condition of the ileo cecal valve with a subsequent infection of the small intestine; one of the most common causes of systemic toxemia.

There is no field where preventive medicine could do as much good and there is no branch of the healing art which has been so neglected and mistreated both by the patient and the doctor as the proper care of the colon and rectum.

Daily movements are often found in constipation. Sometimes a patient will feel quite uncomfortable if we suggest that he is constipated, even while having daily movements. This bowel evacuation daily, yet the contents may be material which has been retained for many days in severe cases.

Two of the first laws of nature are not adequately taught the child and the adult carelessly neglects them most of the time. Some people believe they can overcome the trouble by medication. Various ointments, salves and lotions are applied, most of them strong, caustic acids or coagulating, powerful drugs.

Piles may be easily removed, or destroyed by the hypodermic injection of carbolic acid, but the price paid in ill health is too great and the effects, too disastrous. We never cure anything by cutting it out. We never get at the cause by removing the effect. We do not remove the real cause of hemorrhoids (constipation) by removing the piles themselves. Any treatment which leaves the rectum liable to also cause nerve injury by pressure due to constriction, or by actual injury to the nerves during the method of treatment.

Druggist Treatment There are several drugless measures which will furnish relief locally.

A 15 or 20 minute warm sitz bath will usually furnish relief from pain. This should be followed by one or two minutes of cold water. Where enemas are given, an injection of four to six ounces of cold water, maintained for several minutes, will contract the bleeding vessels and serve as an excellent stimulating and invigorating tonic.

Sometimes one can secure temporary relief from a lemon-juice and water enema; using two ounces of water and half an ounce of lemon juice.

Or, steep a spoonful of white oak bark in a pint of hot water for some time and use as an injection. This is also an astringent. A very effective treatment (when available) is to place a large handful of meadow hay in a pail and pour a teacupful of boiling water over the hay. The patient must be ready to immediately seat himself upon the pail so as to shut in the steam which carries the medication from the steaming hay up against the hemorrhoids.

While these methods will bring relief the real, true cure, is to eat enough fruit and vegetables to secure proper elimination. If you cannot find room in your stomach for enough green foods to get the desired effect, pass up the pies, cakes, candies, most of the breads, goosy macaroni, leaden dumplings, and greasy pasta, thickened gravies.

### Pointed Paragraphs

Everything waits for those who come.

When the cat's away it's up to the mousetrap to get busy.

From the bird's viewpoint one bush is better than a dozen hands.

Some girls will promise to marry a man and some will threaten to do so.

A woman says the shorter a man is, the longer he is on collars.

If the superintendent of streets

### The Opinions of Other Editors

#### Oh, For A Roosevelt

In its fight to free the new federal power commission from the grip of the power trust, the Senate gets strong support from a decision just rendered by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

This court vigorously upholds the authority of the commission to investigate the accounts of all power-site licensees and squeeze the water from their capital. It was the exercise of this investigating authority, says Charles A. Russell, as solicitor, and William V. King, as auditor of the old commission, which led to their dismissal by Chairman Smith and Commissioners Garsaud and Draper of the new commission.

The water power act of 1920 gives to the federal government, or to the government of a state, the optional and protective right to take over any power plant, either upon the payment of the "net investment" it represented, or upon the expiration of its license.

Russell and King discovered that in power plant after power plant this "net investment" HAD BEEN SO GROSSLY PADDED THAT ITS LAWFUL RECAPTURE WOULD ALL BUT BANKRUPT A GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTING TO TAKE IT OVER.

In their investigation these two faithful employees were opposed by Frank E. Bonner, who had been appointed executive secretary of the old commission upon recommendation of a power company official.

Bonner even attempted to suppress the opinions of Solicitor Russell squeezing the water out of power companies which had padded their accounts. Failing in that, Bonner tried to have the position of solicitor abolished.

Naturally there was "dissension" between Bonner on the one side and Russell and King on the other. BONNER WAS DOING WHAT THE POWER TRUST WANTED DONE; RUSSELL AND KING WERE TRYING TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Bonner has been rewarded by the government with the appointment to a good position in the Department of Interior.

Russell has been penalized by permanent dismissal from the government service. Unless the Senate can force the elimination of the three members of the new commission responsible for this outrage, the dismissal of Russell and King will threaten a similar fate to every other federal employee who causes "dissension" by exposing corruption.

"This government cannot afford, under any circumstances," said Theodore Roosevelt when he was President, "to let it be known that a public servant hunts down a powerful corruptionist he will himself be punished for having done so."

Oh! For another Roosevelt!—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

#### Preserve Niagara

The recent rockslide at Niagara Falls has given emphasis to the need for immediate steps to preserve the natural beauty of the scenic spot visited by more than two million persons annually. An indentation 130 feet long by 40 feet deep was left on the American side of the falls after the recent slide.

A meeting of the special international Niagara board to plan measures for preserving the beauties of the giant cataract is expected to be called in the near future. The board composed of two members for Canada and two for the United States has formulated plans to maintain the river rapids and check erosion of the falls.

The United States senate is considering a treaty between the United States and Canada which covers the preservation of the falls. Early action should be taken on this treaty.

Niagara Falls is one of the few spots of scenic beauty Americans can point to and call "the greatest in the world." We should preserve it. would only mend his ways all would be forgotten.

When a man begins to be his own worst enemy his fool friends invariably assist him.

Yes Cordelia, keeping up appearances often means a frugal diet in order to give an occasional dinner.



The Mid-West Free Press wishes again to impress upon its readers that the People's Pulpit column is open to them. Write upon any subject you desire, local or national. Your letters will be published regardless of the editor's opinion on the subject. All communications to be printed promptly should not be over 200 words. Those longer must await the writer's turn before publication. All communications must be signed and contain the address of the author.

#### People's Pulpit:

The people of South Muscatine want to thank our street commissioner, Allen Cross, for the good work he has done on our mud streets. He has sure kept us out of the mud. He has done more for us than any other street official for many years. You can drive over our streets and are not stuck in the mud. He has made some good streets by hauling cinders and putting them down right, not a load here and there but a load at a time. He then comes with his roller and crushes them down. I hope the people will give him their support at the coming election.

Fond St. Resident.

#### People's Pulpit:

Ever since these welfare associations have come into existence they

have been used for good in some cases and abused in others. This not only applies to Muscatine but several other cities since the same work is done in all.

For instance: What are you going to do with the traveling salesman who comes to your door and sells you a product that is not only useless but also a waste of money? What are you going to do with the traveling salesman who comes to your door and sells you a product that is not only useless but also a waste of money?

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#### What Mortgages Are

A mortgage is a bill-of-sale from the owner of property to another competent to hold property. The one giving the mortgage is called the mortgagor, and the one to whom it is made is known as the mortgagee. A mortgage differs from a bill-of-sale in that the mortgagor cannot obtain ownership of the property mortgaged, unless the amount involved is not paid him at the expiration of the mortgage, or the interest is not met. All mortgages must be registered. Mortgaged property cannot be moved, altered, or changed without the consent of the mortgagee. The property, unless it is land, should be insured and an insurance policy made payable to the mortgagee in case of loss by fire, but the mortgagee can collect only that part of the insurance money which represents the amount of the mortgage. Should the mortgagee fail to pay interest at the period stated in the mortgage, or should he be unable or refuse to liquidate the mortgage at its expiration, the mortgagor cannot seize the property except by act of law. It must be advertised and sold at auction. If the mortgaged property brings a price lower than the face of the mortgage, the mortgagor loses the difference, and has to bear the expense of foreclosure. If more than the face of the mortgage is realized,

#### Old Time Ships

The glory of American merchant service, so far as sailing vessels are concerned, has passed into history. Comparatively few sailing vessels, save coasting schooners, ply the seas, as steam has taken the place of sail. The majority of old ship captains are either dead or commanding ocean liners or coastwise steamers. In the old days, sailing clipper ships made the trip from New York to San Francisco in one hundred days, while the voyage of ordinary ships was two or three times as long. The old ship "Lightning" sailed from Boston to Liverpool at a greater speed than that obtained by steamships of the day, the vessel often logging over 500 miles in 24 hours, and it made the trip in little less than 14 days. The "James Baines" sailed from Boston to Liverpool in 12 days and six hours, and broke the sailing record between those two ports. The "Plover" made the trip from Liverpool to Melbourne, Australia in 63 days and returned in 69 days. The "Red Jacket" sailed from New York to Liverpool in 13 days, one hour and 25 minutes. The "Flying Cloud" and "Andrew Jackson" sailed from New York to San Francisco in 89 days and the "Sea Witch" made the trip from Canton, China, to New York in 74 days, 14 hours. These early clipper ships were quite small, many of them not being over 200 tons. The first large clipper was the "Ann McKim," which was 43 feet long and 493 tons burden. Subsequent sailing vessels of enormous size were built, the "John Bertram" having a tonnage of 1080, the "Gamecock" 1,320 the "Staghound" 1,535, the "Flying Cloud," 1,783, the "Staffordshire" 1,817, the "Sovereign of the Seas" 2,421 tons, and the "Great Republic," 4,555 tons.

A school has been established in England to teach fishermen some of the principles of navigation as well as the use and care of nets and handling of sailing vessels.

Pads have been specially designed to protect edges of tables from the clamps of meat grinders and other kitchen implements as well as to afford the clamps tighter grip.

The government of Greece has arranged for annual demonstrations of tractors, agricultural machinery and equipment to determine the types best suited to local conditions.

### More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague.

IN DEFENSE OF NOISE An overseas visitor tells us that not only we're lacking in noise, but we daily display, in our untutored way, a barbarous fondness for noise.

He says that we love to be deafened by the rumble of trolley car wheels. And the rattle of carts in the populous marts. And the honking of automobiles.

It is true that the din of our cities is something appalling to hear; Half the country, around the machine guns resound. And the riveters grate on the ear. Steel beams jingle over the pavements. Steam whistles blow often and loud.

While from radio stores proceed deafening roars, Which are aimed at the ears of the crowd. But I've noticed, in London and Paris, That quiet is hard to obtain; And I feel quite at home on a visit to Rome.

Where the racket falls 'round me like rain. In the tumult and shouting of Broadway New Yorkers don't find any joys; They are ticked by the din, but they hear it and grin. For where there are crowds there is noise.

There is peace on the sands of Sahara;

Yesterdays Answer: Cannon balls.

### STRANGE AS IT SEEMS...

by John Hix



Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink; certainly applies to the coral island of Nangone. If someone had not discovered a fresh water spring bubbling from the ocean's floor near the island Nangone would be a poor place to live. Natives dive to the spring and catch the fresh water in bags before it has a chance to mix with the salt water of the ocean.

Toodoo Pesamo ran roughshod over all competitors in a recent pie-eating contest held in San Francisco, when he consumed 10 good sized pies in less than 10 minutes. His nearest rival fell out of the race when he had finished but three. Young Pesamo won a similar contest last year, but at that time he was only able to put away five pies. You see what "training" will really do. Incidentally, first prize was another pie!

In the little town of Kurma stands the only apple tree in the region of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Therefore it may be that

this is the original tree that "brought about the downfall of man." The tree is now barely more than an overgrown stump, and, of course, produces nothing.

Any reader wanting further proof of anything depicted here should address John Hix, care of this paper, and enclose a stamped and self-addressed envelope for reply.

JOHN HIX Tomorrow: What Was Cleopatra?



## COLORED CAGERS MAKE IT DARK FOR DAVIDS, 30-20

TILT IS QUITE  
COLORFUL AND  
THRILLING TOOAbility and Antics  
Of Unique Teams  
Please Crowd

(BY IRISH O'LEARY)

Thrills, comedy, humor and what have you were on the boards for the fair sized crowd of fortunate basketball fans who were at the Jefferson school gymnasium last night when Gilkerson's Union Giants, high class colored exponents of the cage game, defeated the House of David's of Benton Harbor, Mich., those gents who know no barbers, who refuse to speak to a razor or tolerate a shaving brush. The score was 30 to 20 with the gentlemen of color piling up their winning margin in the last quarter of an exhibition that was not only a pretty sweet basketball game but also compared favorably with a big time vaudeville show.

The long haired and bewhiskered gents from Michigan got away to a good start and led by the proverbial whisker at the 14 to 13, but soon after intermission things began to look dark for them and were much darker by the time the final gun cracked and one of the nicest exhibitions of basketball seen on a local floor in many a moon.

Colored Cagers Shine  
It was a novel and unique attraction to say the least. With high heavy beards topped off with brilliant colored skull caps to keep their hair out of their eyes, the House of David's presented a weird and startling contrast to the dark complexioned gentlemen of various hues, especially after the latter began to perspire and shine in more ways than one.

Both teams thrilled the spectators with spectacular floorwork, and sensational shooting throughout and at times convulsed them with clean cut comedy and humor that would have done credit to any bill of vaudeville acts but nothing to equal the fast-breaking, short-pass attack that carried the colored team to victory in the last quarter. It has been seen here for many a season.

Quick short passes with an occasional sensational long pass sandwiched in between enabled the colored gents to get in position for open shots and it may be said without fear of contradiction that they made plenty of them.

Check and Double Check  
After finishing the first half on the short end of a 14 to 13 count, the colored cagers came back on the floor with arms and legs quivering and looking on their shining dark countenances which gradually gave way to ear to ear grins as they worked their way to a 20 to 18 lead at the three quarter mark. When the fourth stanza opened they soon began to "check and double check" their shots through the hoop and chalked up a win by more than a close shave.

Hall and Ramsey of the colored team were the two best players on the floor. Hall led in scoring with 10 points while Ramsey was garnering six and both kept the House of David's quite in the dark with their bewildering fast passes and colorful follow-in shots.

For the bewhiskered boys, Farrell, the lanky center, and Williams, diminutive guard, almost a Mutt and Jeff combination, were outstanding. Williams, the lanky center, almost a Mutt and Jeff combination, were outstanding.

Mostly under attack and took many shots at the hoop but missed all but two by a hair. Farrell was the key man in every House of David's play and scored seven points but was back in the brush too far on many of his shots. The score: Gilkerson's Union Giants (30) TP Robinson, f 3 1 1 7 Ramsey, f 3 0 2 6 Hall, c 4 2 0 10 Butler, g 0 0 0 0 Jones, g 3 1 1 7 Totals 13 4 7 30

House of David (20) TP Petroso, f 3 0 3 6 Van, f 1 0 3 2 Farrell, c 3 1 0 7 Williams, g 2 0 0 4 Hyland, g 0 1 1 7 Totals 9 2 6 20 Referee: Bob Kinnan. Scorer: Spike Liebbe.

HUTTIGS BEAT TEXACOS  
The Huttig Factory League squad nosed out the Texacos in an overtime preliminary attraction, 16 to 11. The count was tied at 11 at the end of the regular playing period. DeCamp of the winners was high scorer with three field goals and a free throw while Hoppewell of the Texacos took second honors with three goals from the field. The score: Huttigs (16) FG FT TP Paul, f 0 0 0 0 Finnegan, f 0 0 2 0 McIntyre, f 1 3 1 5 Ray, c 2 0 2 4 Kruse, g 0 0 0 0 DeCamp, g 3 1 0 7 Roby, g 0 0 1 0 Totals 6 4 6 16

Texacos (11) FG FT TP Lukenbach, f 1 0 1 2 Lyons, f 0 1 3 1 Hoppewell, c 3 0 1 6 Hagerman, g 0 2 2 2 McKee, g 0 1 3 1 Totals 4 3 10 11 Referee: Heerd.

They Are Going to  
Call It Snail Ball

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(INS)—The new ball to be introduced in baseball to displace the fast bouncer which fattened so many batting averages, has a name today. Fans christened it the "snail ball."

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GEAR TROUBLE  
SPOILS RECORDCampbell Making 260  
Miles an Hour as  
Gears SlipBy JAMES L. KILGALLAN  
(INS Sports Writer)

DAYTON BEACH, Fla., Feb. 4.—(INS)—Clear trouble in his powerful motor car, Bluebird II, today vexed Captain Malcolm Campbell, veteran British race driver, who is eagerly awaiting the propitious time when he can with reasonable safety attempt to smash the world's automobile record of 231.36 miles an hour.

Because of this mechanical difficulty, which came when he was racing against time at terrific speed, Campbell may not be able to make a try for the record along the beach course here this afternoon, as he had planned—providing the weather and beach conditions were satisfactory.

260 Miles an Hour  
Captain Campbell declares he was making the phenomenal speed of 260 miles an hour at the time his gears slipped. The estimate of his speed is his own and, of course, is entirely unofficial. Shortly after the mishap occurred, Campbell's car roared into the mile stretch in a one-sided battle here last night, 27 to 10. The local Catholic priests led at the half, 13 to 3, and kept scoring after intermission although substituting freely.

Wisely and Ryerson co-operated to give St. Mary's 20 of its points. The Muscatine attack was stopped dead with the exception of H. Hratz and G. Garrett, who scored 10 points between them. The score: Moline (27) FG FT TP Wisley, f 5 2 3 12 McMahon, f 1 0 1 2 Hugart, f 0 0 0 0 B. Briggs, f 0 0 0 0 Demmerine, c 0 2 2 2 G. Briggs, c 0 0 0 0 Kane, c 0 0 1 0 Bogart, g 1 0 0 2 Ryerson, g 2 2 4 6 Stibben, g 0 0 1 0 Totals 11 5 9 27

St. Mathias (10) FG FT TP Tidewald, f 0 0 0 0 Wilson, f 0 0 0 0 G. Garrett, f 1 2 0 4 Roach, c 0 0 0 0 S. Garrett, g 0 0 0 0 H. Hratz, g 2 2 4 6 Manjorine, g 0 0 2 0 Totals 3 4 8 10

Coach Eddie Cameron of Duke university, twice runner-up at the Southern basketball title, has another good prospect.

Here's Cage Menu  
For Rest of Week  
Including DessertTonight  
Commercial league games at Y. M. C. A.Thursday Night  
Factory league games at Y. M. C. A.Friday Night  
Muscatine Junior college vs. Centerville Junior college at Centerville.Saturday Night  
Mt. Pleasant high school vs. Little Muskeles at Jefferson gym.Sunday  
St. Joseph's high school at St. Mary's hall.Moline Beats  
St. Mathias Hi

MOLINE, Ill., Feb. 4.—(INS)—St. Mary's high school basketball team of Moline defeated St. Mathias high school of Muscatine in a one-sided battle here last night, 27 to 10. The local Catholic priests led at the half, 13 to 3, and kept scoring after intermission although substituting freely.

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"JOE JINKS"  
THEY TELL ME THIS BUSTUM IS A WOW! GREAT MATCH FOR DYNAMITE I'D SAY—I SUPPOSE YOU'LL GRAB HIM FOR A FIGHT EH? I'LL BE AT THE RINGSIDE, OL' MAN!

TUT MAY MEET  
PETROLLE AGAINWant Them to Stage  
Bout for Fans in  
New YorkBy HYPE IGONE  
(INS Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(INS)—King Tut dropped a bomb down on Billy Petrolle's chin Monday night out in St. Paul and promptly blasted himself into world-wide fame. King Tut had been a pretty nifty fighter right along, but when he hunk a K. O. on a fellow who is some pumpkins in the game, his stock went right up through the sky.

To prove it, Tom McArde, who pairs the lads for bouts in Madison Square Garden, spent most of the day trying to locate the lucky victor in order to arrange another match between the pair.

Petrolle, who was knocked out in just 24 seconds, was perfectly willing to make the match. Jack Rurley, his manager, talked to McArde over the long distance telephone, and so certain was he that Tut would give the Fargo Express another chance, he immediately took it upon himself to go out and hunt for the happy pair.

Petrolle may lose his chance to fight Jackie Kid Berg because of the upset and the "Kings" hitter may take his place.

William Muldoon, speaking of the action of the California Boxing Commission in putting up the barriers on Max Baer for two years, said today: "That is an injustice to that boy. If a man engaged in a bout with him was fatally injured it was an accident. Such accidents will happen in every sport."

Beaer, up in training camp at Orangeburg, said he was "through" with California. He meets Tommy Loughran here at the Garden on Friday night.

RABBIT BALL  
IS BANNED IN  
BIG LEAGUESAssists Pitchers But  
Is Hard on Home  
Run HittersBy LES KONKIN  
(INS Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(INS)—National league pitchers, bombarded from pillar to post by long distance batsmen during the past ten years, heaved a sigh of relief today as a result of the abolishment of the rabbit ball by the league at its mid-winter meeting here late yesterday.

Experts estimate that adoption of the new ball, with a heavier cover and raised stitches, will enable pitchers to put so much more "stuf" on the ball that the home run output in the senior organization will be reduced by something like twenty per cent. And by the same token, batting averages are likely to shrink from ten to fifteen points. Abolishment of the sacrifice fly will cause further shrinkage of from ten to fifteen points.

Decision Close  
Action of the league in adopting the new ball for the regular playing season came as a complete surprise. Advance information was that it would merely be tried out during the training season.

Whether the American league will follow the example of the senior organization remained a matter of speculation today. Although John B. Heydler, president of the National League, pointed out that the junior organization always has followed the example of the National in matters of this kind, opinion was divided. Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Boston Braves, and Frank B. York, president of the Brooklyn club, expressed the opinion that the American league would stick to the old ball.

Fuchs revealed to International News Service that he, York and William Veck, president of the Chicago Cubs, had voted to retain the old ball, the other five club owners being in favor of the change.

Stand Easy to Understand  
Veck's stand is easy to understand, since the Cubs, headed by Hack Wilson, led the other National league clubs in home run hitting last year with a total of 171 four-baggers. And Brooklyn, with a quintet of home run hitters in Herman, O'Doul, Wright, Fredrick and Bissonette, naturally is all for the lively ball.

BALL SEASON  
IS SHORTENEDNational Schedule to  
Close on Septem-  
ber 27

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(INS)—The National league baseball season, schedule of which was announced today, will end this year on September 27, the earliest date at which games have been completed in more than 20 years.

The season opens on April 14. In New York the Yankees will pry off the lid for the plants will be opening in Philadelphia and Brooklyn will play against the Braves in Boston.

In the west the Pirates will engage Rogers Hornsby's Cubs in Chicago on opening day, while the red play host to the champion Cardinals of St. Louis.

The Giants will open their home season against the Phillies on April 22. Chicago will head the westerners in the invasion of New York, meeting the Giants on May 9. The Robins start with the Pirates in Brooklyn the following day.

The Giants play their first games in the west on June 2, against St. Louis and the Robins hop off at Chicago the same day.

Former American  
Champion Third in  
Racing Marathon  
THREE RIVERS, Que., Feb. 4.—(INS)—Jole Ray, former champion American distance runner, today was in third place in the 200-meter international snow shoe marathon. He struggled through 26 miles of snow yesterday between Ste. Anne de La Parade and Three Rivers to finish third behind Frank Koev of Montreal, who grabbed his third straight lap victory and is now leading the pack by an almost unbeatable lead.

The race, which started in Quebec on Sunday, will end in Montreal Saturday.

## RING VERDICTS

By International News Service  
At New York—Arthur Huttick, New York heavyweight, defeated Bill Freeman, New York (10).

At Peoria, Ill.—Jack Willis, San Antonio middleweight, defeated Vincent Forgiome, Philadelphia (12).

At Wilkes Barre, Pa.—Johnny Vacka, Boston 121-pounder, defeated Jackie Beymen, Wilkes Barre, (10).

At West Palm Beach, Fla.—Al Rowe, Philadelphia lightweight, defeated Babe Herman, California (10).

At Los Angeles, Calif.—Fidel La Barba, Los Angeles featherweight, and Claude Varner, Bakersfield, Calif., drew (10).

HAWKS TO MEET  
INDIANA MONDAY

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 4.—(INS)—Basketball players at the University of Iowa, still drilling without the services of their star center, Al Rogers, are today preparing for their next western conference affair, slated with Indiana at Bloomington Monday.

The Hawkeyes arrived from Minnesota yesterday aching from the 36 to 14 beating the Gophers gave them.

Rogers, the key man of the outfit, is still suffering in a local hospital from an attack of flu. He will be able to return to the court for more than a week, Coach Rollie Williams said today.

The Iowa mentor is training the men on both defense and offense for the Hawkeyes were miserably weak in each of these departments against Minnesota.

Three Coaches at  
Iowa Are Named on  
Sports Committee  
IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 4.—(INS)—Three University of Iowa coaches have been named for committee places in the Amateur Athletic union, it was made known here today.

George T. Bresnahan is to serve on the track and field committee, Davis A. Armbruster will officiate with the swimming group, and Ernest G. Schroeder is a member of the wrestling and gymnastic group.

The Laurel-to-Baltimore marathon, the national championship of the A. A. U., will be staged May 16.

PAT PAGE WILL  
ASSIST STAGGFormer Hoosier Men-  
tor on Chicago  
Staff

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—(INS)—H. O. (Pat) Page, former head football coach at Indiana University, has been appointed assistant coach at the University of Chicago, it was announced today by university authorities.

Page, a former star athlete of the Chicago school, will go to work here April 1 under the direction of Alonzo Stagg, head football mentor. Page resigned his position at Indiana one month ago under the stress of alumni criticism, he said. His contract had one more year to run.



## PROPOSES BILL FOR BENEFIT OF LABOR IN IOWA

### House Gets Measure To Standardize Wages

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—(INS)—One of the most important pieces of legislation in regard to labor that has been introduced in the House is that of Byers (R) of Cedar Rapids. This measure would regulate hours of work of laborers, workmen and mechanics employed on public works.

The measure specifies certain duties for the commissioner of labor and provides for hearings and investigation.

"The prevailing rate of wage," the bill states, "shall be the rate of wage paid in the locality defined to the majority of workmen, laborers or mechanics in the same trade or occupation."

In the event that it is determined that there is not a majority in the same trade or occupation paid at the same rate, then the rate paid to the greater number would be the prevailing rate. A provision is made, however, that the "greater number" must constitute at least forty per cent of the laborers in the same occupation.

In the event that there are less than forty per cent of the laborers engaged in the same trade or occupation in the same locality paid the same rate then the average rate would be the prevailing rate. The locality for the purposes of this act would be the county, town, city or village, where the work is being done.

### SOLON

SOLON, Ia.—(Special)—Anthony Klena of Chicago has rented the George Shina home for the coming year.

Miss Mary Jean Randall, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be in an improved condition.

Mrs. Edward Rinda, Sr., of Iowa City is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. James B. Kasper.

Miss Mayme Smith of Clinton is spending several days with Mrs. Ronald Kessler.

Considerable improvement is reported in the condition of Melvin Kahout, who has been ill at his home for some time.

Mrs. Anna Beck left recently for Monrovia, Calif., for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

During her absence, Mrs. Warren Hess will assist Miss Velma Beck in the post office.

Operated with a lever by a car's driver, a device has been invented to drop chains under the rear wheels of an automobile in an emergency to prevent skidding.

## Broadcasts

### Programs for Thursday

**KTNT**  
234.5—MUSCATINE—1170 Kc.  
A. M.  
8:00—Photograph records.  
8:30—Farm Flashes.  
8:45—Photograph records.  
9:00—Correct Time.  
9:15—Sacred Program conducted by Rev. Ira Hawley.  
9:30—Calliope Music.  
9:45—Vocal Selections by Bob.  
10:00—Harmonics Music by Joe.  
10:15—Vocal Selections by Jack.  
10:30—Correct Time.  
10:45—Weather Report.  
11:00—Vocal Selections by Walter.  
11:15—Local Markets (Courtesy of C. N. Nicholson).  
11:30—Calliope Selections by Stella.  
11:45—News Review.  
12:00—Correct Time.  
12:15—Housekeepers Chat.  
12:30—Reclips.  
12:45—Musical Program by Bob.  
1:00—Correct Time.  
1:15—"Chick Chick" by Earl Duncan.  
1:30—Variety Program by Staff Artists.

**WSUI**  
240.5 M.—IOWA CITY—890 Kc.  
A. M.  
8:00—The English Novel Prof.  
11:00—Modern Music.  
12:00—Noon—WSUI Trio.  
2:00—History and Ethics of Journalism.  
3:00—WSUI Trio.  
4:00—Electricity in the Home.  
5:00—WSUI Trio.  
6:00—Musical Program.  
7:00—The Coach Speaks.  
7:15—Hawkeyes Orchestra.

**WLS**  
870 Kc.—CHICAGO—345 M.  
A. M.  
7:00—"Oatville General Store."  
7:30—Midwest Weather.  
7:45—Correct Time.  
8:00—Stepenson Songsters—Harmonies.  
8:15—"Fastest Brigade"—Paul Rader.  
8:30—"Quaker Crackles."  
8:45—Scrambled Bill, Musical.  
9:00—Smile-a-While Time.  
9:15—Musical Features.  
9:30—Tower Topics (Sue and Anne).  
9:45—Clem and Harry.  
10:00—Maple City Four.  
10:15—Livestock, Poultry, Musicals.  
10:30—Midwest Weather.

**WMAQ**  
870 Kc.—CHICAGO—447 M.  
A. M.  
7:45—Musical Hodge Podge.

**WBBM**  
770 Kc.—CHICAGO—384 M.  
A. M.  
8:00—Farm Information.  
8:30—Smile Club, Al Meigard.  
8:45—Trinidad Program.  
9:00—Barbara Gould Beauty Talk.  
9:15—CBS—Pequot Mills.  
9:30—CBS—Natl. Biscuit Program.  
11:15—Daily Times News Flash.  
11:30—CBS—Columbia Revue.  
12:15—1:00—Farm Community Net—work—CBS.

**WBBM**  
770 Kc.—CHICAGO—384 M.  
P. M.  
12:30—Midday Meditations.  
1:00—Local Produce Markets.  
1:15—Jim Deeds, Novelist.  
1:30—Julia Christenson.  
1:45—CBS—Ann Leaf at Organ.  
2:00—CBS—Hibbard Park Orch.  
2:15—Hickory Circus.  
2:30—D. A. R. Program.  
2:45—CBS—Dy's Scrapbook.  
3:00—CBS—Old Gold.  
3:15—CBS—Dutchman Story Hour.  
3:30—CBS—Lutheran League.

**WBBM**  
770 Kc.—CHICAGO—384 M.  
P. M.  
12:30—Livestock Markets.  
1:00—New Developments in Growing Corn.  
1:15—Grain Markets.  
1:30—Orchestra: Variety Acts.  
1:45—Chevrolet Chronicles (E. T. Made).  
2:00—Maple City Four.  
2:15—Variety music.  
2:30—Family Party.  
2:45—"The Bookshop."

**WBBM**  
770 Kc.—CHICAGO—384 M.  
P. M.  
2:45—"The Bookshop."

## Sweetland Church Brotherhood Class Will Meet Friday

SWEETLAND, Ia.—(Special)—A debate "Resolved that the County is Better for Human Development than the City," will be given at a meeting of the Sweetland Methodist Episcopal church's Brotherhood class Friday evening. The debaters will be Lester Bill, Russell Bill, Albert Hetzler and Edgar Hetzler. Other numbers on the program will be a reading by Charles Drumm and xylophone selections by Miss Gladys Sissel. Refreshments will be served and a social hour held after the program.

Seven pupils of the Sweetland school have been named for the January honor roll. They are James Van Camp, Ruby Mary, Betty Van Camp, Doris Martin, Dwayne Ridenour, Arlene Bernier and Evelyn Bernier. All have made a general average of 93 or more during January.

Leona Welch and Gladys Bill of Mount Grove school; Doris and Bonnie Martin of the Sweetland school; Marian Hetzler, Harold Franzen of Rainbow school and Lelia Potter of the Union school are among the pupils who took the eighth grade examination at the Muscatine high school Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan and daughter, Laura June of Muscatine visited Sunday at the P. W. Martin home.

Mrs. Mary Wiese of Davenport is visiting at the August Gertter home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr of Muscatine spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin.

Farm bureau women of Sweetland township met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Harold Pace. The second lesson in nutrition, "Diet for the Pre-school Child," was conducted by Miss Grace Stevens, home demonstration agent.

## BUFFALO PRAIRIE

BUFFALO PRAIRIE, Ill.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hance are the parents of a son born Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mader were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mungerson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Atty entertained members of their card party club at the home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eckhardt and sons of near Muscatine were Sunday dinner guests at the Casper Eckhardt home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson and daughter Bonnie spent Sunday evening at Charles Struble's home.

L. W. Vetter and sons shipped hogs to Chicago Monday.

A lake more than 100 miles long and 50 wide has been discovered in Australia that is covered with a salt crust sufficiently thick for a truck to be driven over its surface.

## JUST KIDDIES

### Mrs. Quack Has a Good Meal and a Rest

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

There's nothing like a stomach full To make the heart feel light, To chase away the clouds of care And make the world seem bright. That's a fact. A full stomach makes the whole world seem different, brighter, better, and more worth living in. It is the hardest kind of hard work to be cheerful and see only the bright side of things when your stomach is empty. But once fill that empty stomach and everything is changed. It was just that way with Mrs. Quack. For days at a time she hadn't had a full stomach because of the hunters with their terrible guns, and when just before dark that night she returned to the Smiling Pool her stomach was quite empty.

"I don't suppose I'll find much to eat here, but a little in peace and safety is better than a feast with worry and danger," said she, brooding on one side of the Smiling Pool and appearing to stand on her head as she plunged it under water and searched in the mud on the bottom for food. Peter Rabbit looked over at Jerry Muskrat sitting on the Big Rock and Jerry winked. In a minute up bobbed the head of Mrs. Quack, and there was both a pleased and worried look on her face. She had found some of the corn left there by Farmer Brown's Boy. At once she swam out to the middle of the Smiling Pool looking suspiciously this way and that way. "There is corn over there," said she. "Do you know how it came there?"

"I saw Farmer Brown's Boy throwing something over there, replied Peter. "Didn't we tell you that he would be good to you?"

"Quack, quack, I've seen that kind of kindness too often to be kind of it," snapped Mrs. Quack. "He probably saw me leave in a hurry and put this corn here hoping that I would come back and find it and make up my mind to eat it while he was here. He thinks that if I do he'll have a chance to hide near enough to shoot me. I didn't believe this could be a safe place for me, and now I know I'll stay here to-night, but tomorrow I'll try to find some other place. Oh, dear, it's dreadful not to have any place at all to go to safe in."

Peter thought of the dear Old Brier Patch, and how safe he always felt there, and he felt a great pity for poor Mrs. Quack who couldn't feel safe anywhere. And then right away he grew indignant that she should be so distrustful of Farmer Brown's Boy, though if he had stopped to think he would have remembered that once he was just as distrustful.

"I should think," said Peter with a great deal of dignity, "that you might at least believe what Jerry

Muskrat and I, who live here all the time, tell you. We ought to know Farmer Brown's Boy if any one does, and we tell you that he won't harm a feather of you."

"He won't get the chance!" snapped Mrs. Quack.

Jerry Muskrat sniffed in disgust. "I don't doubt you have suffered a lot from men with terrible guns," said he, "but you don't suppose Peter and I have lived as long as we have without learning a little."

"I've seen that kind of kindness too often to be fooled by it," snapped Mrs. Quack.

"I wouldn't trust many of those two-legged creatures myself, but Farmer Brown's Boy is different. If all of them were like him we wouldn't have a thing to fear from them. He has a heart. Yes, indeed, he has a heart. Now, you take my advice and eat whatever he has put there for you, be thankful, and stop worrying. Peter and I will keep watch and warn you if there is any danger."

"I don't know as even this would have overcome Mrs. Quack's fears if it hadn't been for the taste of that good corn in her mouth, and the empty stomach. She couldn't resist that, and presently she was back among the rushes hunting out the corn and what as fast as ever she could. When at last she could eat no more she felt so comfortable that somehow the Smiling Pool didn't seem such a dangerous place after all, and she quite forgot Farmer Brown's Boy. She found a snug hiding place among the rushes too far out from the bank for Reddy Fox to surprise her and then with a sleepy "Good night" to Jerry and Peter she tucked her head under her wing and soon was fast asleep.

Peter Rabbit tiptoed away and then he hurried lipperty-lupperty to the dear old Brier Patch to tell Mrs. Peter all about Mrs. Quack.

Next Story: Peter Rabbit Makes an Early Call. (Copyright, 1931)

**Incorporates Family Under Terms of Will**

NEW YORK.—(INS)—Under the terms of his will on file here, the estate of Samuel Shuff will be turned into a corporation under the State laws, with his widow and children its officers. The widow is to receive a salary of \$100 as director and secretary.

His two sons are to serve as directors and as president and treasurer, according to the provisions of the will.

## A Strange Will!

—By BREWERTON

## Telephone Company Of Nichols Elects

NICHOLS, Ia.—(Special)—W. R. Schmidt has been elected president of the local telephone company. Other officers are W. M. Poole, vice president; Edna Hesser, secretary and T. B. Nichols, treasurer.

The board of directors, elected by the stockholders previous to the board meeting, are as follows: B. L. Metcalf, Edna Hesser, Albert Quimby, William Poole, Henry Kirchner, T. B. Nichols and W. R. Schmidt.

Little change is reported in the condition of Clarence King, who is now a patient at Mercy hospital, Iowa City.

Only slight damage was caused by a fire at the Miel Service station Saturday evening. The blaze is believed to have started from a defective chimney.

## Des Moines Firm Robbed of \$5,000

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—(INS)—Police today are searching for a bandit, who late yesterday afternoon held up three employees in the office of the American Finance company and escaped with \$5,000 in cash and more than \$5,000 in securities. The securities were non-negotiable.

Only a patient at Mercy hospital, Iowa City.

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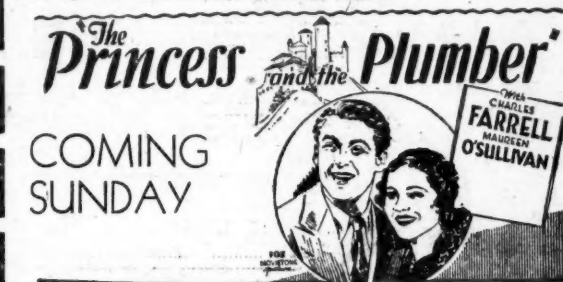
## FREE Tickets to A-MUSE-U

HERE'S HOW TO DO IT

## Find A Line Contest

### RULES OF CONTEST

Find the lines below, among the Classified Ads. Mark them, and clearly write your name and address on the paper or attach on a separate sheet. The first 5 to bring in the correct answers to the Free Press Classified Department will receive a pair of tickets to the A-Muse-U Theater. Answers to today's contest must be in by 10 a. m. Thursday. Neatness counts.



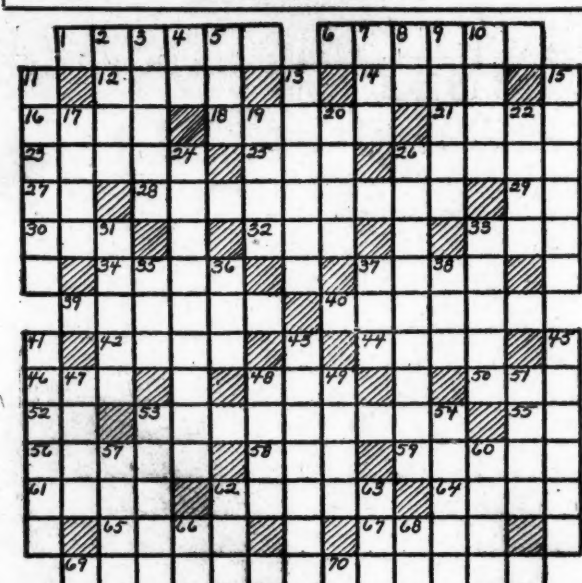
- Find Them**
- Used parts for 300 cars.
  - 209-W for estimates.
  - Prompt, courteous service.
  - Make them look like new.
  - You to look over our new.
  - Reaper with us on Thurs.
  - Sue Meyer Beauty Shop.
  - Auto body repairing done.
  - Oldsmobile coach, late model.
  - Also several horses for sale.
- Tuesday's Winners**
- Mrs. Phoebe Ryan 201 Earl Ave.
  - Mr. Jack Henderson 601 Iowa Ave.
  - Mrs. Ella Smith 219 Iowa Ave.
  - Mrs. Anna Curtis 933 Lucas St.
  - Miss Ruby Berry 1109 New Hampshire St.

BRING ANSWERS TO FREE PRESS CLASSIFIED COUNTER

WATCH PAPER TOMORROW FOR WINNERS

—By BREWERTON

## Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Freedom from prejudice.
  - Wince.
  - Descendants of a common ancestor.
  - Continent.
  - Slackened and allowed to run out (as a rope).
  - Perch.
  - Kind of gull.
  - Checkered cloth.
  - Nothing.
  - Hillsides.
  - Part of the Bible (abbr.).
  - Capable of being disproved.
  - Compass point.
  - French coin.
  - Descend.
  - Enemy.
  - Certain.
  - Ridges of glacial drift.
  - South American poison popular with detective story writers.
  - Overcome.
  - Military assistant.
  - Blind.
  - Relative (abb.).
  - Silence.
  - Pronoun.
  - Type measure.
  - Hearten.
  - Part of the Bible (abbr.).
  - Amulet.
  - Mohammedan name.
  - Trap.
  - Sharp.
  - Fragrant oleoresin used in varnishes.
  - Genus of South African plants yielding a drug.
  - Trappings.
  - Defect.
  - Absolute ruler.
  - Organization of parts into a whole.
  - Melody.
  - Lowest point.
  - District in which a capital is located (abbr.).
  - Over (contracted).
  - Rodent.
  - Exists.
  - Saltpeter.

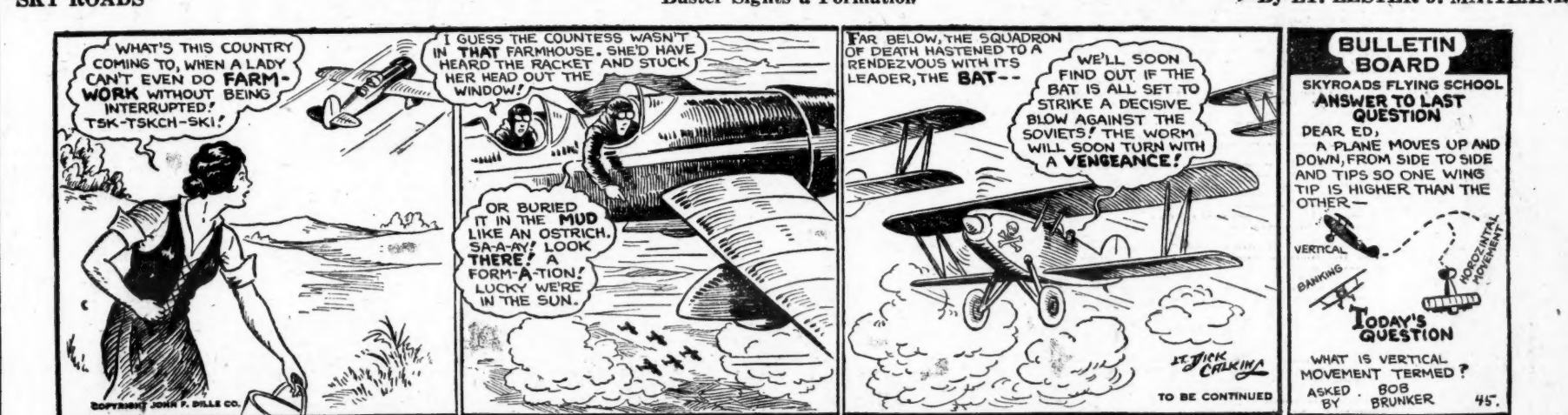
### Yesterday's Puzzle Solved

DOWN

- 10—The earth as a goddess.
- 11—Set against.
- 13—Delay.
- 15—Reply.
- 17—Singing voice.
- 19—Burd.
- 20—Narrow board.
- 22—Western State capital.
- 24—Debasement.
- 26—Means of happiness (pl.).
- 31—Customary.
- 33—Invigorating.
- 35—Canton of Switzerland.
- 36—Before grain.
- 37—Cereal grain.
- 38—Consumed.
- 41—Handles.
- 43—Handled roughly.
- 45—Regard.
- 47—Girl's name.
- 48—Objective.
- 49—Forbidden.
- 51—Japanese girder box.
- 53—Go into.
- 54—Decree.
- 57—Carousal.
- 60—Away from the wind.
- 62—Sea bird.
- 63—Vine.
- 66—Associate of arts (abbr.).
- 68—Exists.



—By LT. LESTER J. MAITLAND



—By PHIL NOWLAN And DICK CALKINS





# Official Proceedings of the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Muscatine, Iowa  
January 2, 1931

The following officers and their deputies presented themselves and took oath of office: Supervisor, G. Sauer; County Auditor, Kenneth Coder; County Treasurer, R. A. Kaufmann; Clerk of the District Court, Earl Erwin; Sheriff, F. B. Nesper; County Recorder, G. C. Parks; County Attorney, Harold E. Wilson; Deputy County Auditor, Ernest Peters; Second Deputy County Auditor, Josephine Fry; Clerk, Flossie Christiansen; Deputy Treasurer, Arthur J. Nicholson; Second Deputy Treasurer, Hazel M. Phillips; Deputy Clerk of the District Court, Ballard Tipton; Second Deputy Clerk of the District Court, Edna Leu; Deputy Sheriff, L. G. Pace; Bailiff of District Court, Andrew Ernst; Deputy Recorder, Ida Grimm.

**Assets in Hands of County Treasurer—December 31, 1930**

Cash in Banks	\$401,928.95
Cash in Vault	1,750.50
Cash in Drawer	825.69
Checks and Drafts	12,851.49
Automobile Licenses, as cash	1,159.00
Stamps	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$418,517.63</b>

**Balances in Depositories—December 31, 1930**

Cashier's	Checks	Treasurer's
Outstanding	Outstanding	Outstanding
American Savings Bank, Muscatine, Ia.	\$83,212.33	\$5,304.31
Muscatine State Bank, Muscatine, Ia.	106,906.50	106,906.50
Hensley State Bank, Muscatine, Ia.	82,935.28	82,935.28
First National Bank, Muscatine, Ia.	82,935.28	82,935.28
Peoples State Bank, West Liberty, Ia.	18,009.83	18,009.83
Iowa State Bank, West Liberty, Ia.	14,487.16	14,487.16
Citizens Savings Bank, W. Liberty, Ia.	5,361.61	5,361.61
Union Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	14,198.36	14,198.36
Wilton Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	7,121.70	7,121.70
Farmers Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	12,193.52	12,193.52
Nichols Savings Bank, Nichols, Iowa	10,198.26	10,198.26
Altissia Savings Bank, Altissia, Iowa	5,891.29	5,891.29
The Stockton Bank, Stockton, Iowa	2,061.92	2,061.92
Pleasant Prairie Sav. Bk., Pleasant Prairie, Ia.	10,178.59	10,178.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$407,233.26</b>	<b>\$5,304.31</b>

The committee appointed to check the Clerk of the District Court's office found \$211.87 cash on hand.

The Board organized by the election of Fred R. Kaufmann for its Chairman.

On motion duly seconded, the following appointments of deputies and clerks were approved: Ernest Peters, Deputy County Auditor; Josephine Fry, Second Deputy County Auditor; Arthur J. Nicholson, Deputy County Treasurer; Hazel M. Phillips, Second Deputy Treasurer; Edgar L. Griffin, Clerk Auto Department; W. A. Griffin, Assistant Clerk Auto Department; Elouise Sharer, The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, met in session as provided by law. 1912 members present as follows:—Supervisors Fred R. Kaufmann, J. Henry Schaefer, A. J. Altekruze, W. J. Barclay, and George Sauer. Supervisors J. Henry Schaefer and A. J. Altekruze, the committee appointed by the Board checked the County Treasurer's semi-annual cash balance. Supervisors F. R. Kaufmann and W. J. Barclay were appointed a committee to check the balance of the County Auditor, Clerk of the District Court and County Recorder. The committee appointed to check the County Treasurer's semi-annual cash balance, reports as follows:

On motion duly seconded and carried, the following schedule of salaries for deputies and clerks was established:—Deputy County Auditor, \$125.00 per month; Second Deputy County Auditor, \$80.00 per month; Clerk in County Auditor's office, \$60.00 per month; Deputy County Treasurer, \$125.00 per month; Second Deputy Treasurer, \$80.00 per month; Clerk in County Auditor's office, \$60.00 per month; Assistant Clerk in Auto Department, \$60.00 per month; Clerk of District Court, \$125.00 per month; Second Deputy Clerk in District Court, \$100.00 per month; Deputy Sheriff, \$125.00 per month.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by this Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that the following named banks be and are hereby designated depositories for the County Funds in amounts not to exceed the amounts named opposite each said designated depository and the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the County Funds in said depositories in the amounts not to exceed the amounts named for said banks as follows:—

Muscatine State Bank, Muscatine, Iowa	\$283,800.00
American Savings Bank, Muscatine, Iowa	110,000.00
Hensley State Bank, Muscatine, Iowa	82,935.28
First National Bank, Muscatine, Iowa	82,935.28
Peoples State Bank, West Liberty, Iowa	52,500.00
Iowa State Bank, West Liberty, Iowa	30,000.00
Citizens Savings Bank, W. Liberty, Iowa	18,009.83
Union Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	45,000.00
Wilton Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	22,500.00
Farmers Savings Bank, Wilton, Iowa	12,193.52
Nichols Savings Bank, Nichols, Iowa	37,500.00
Altissia Savings Bank, Altissia, Iowa	22,500.00
Pleasant Prairie Savings Bank, Pleasant Prairie, Ia.	28,250.00

The Chairman presented an amendment to the report of C. M. Young, Engineer in the case of Drainage District No. 1, and the following resolution was thereupon presented:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, acting in the matter of Drainage District No. 1, C. M. Young, the engineer for said district, as amended, and the original report in said matter setting out additional lands included within the boundaries of said district which were not included in the list of lands included in the original report which amendment to the report has been considered by the Board and found to be correct, now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa, that said amendment to the report of the engineer be and the same is tentatively approved, and that the same be considered with the original report and as a part thereof, and that notice of the filing and tentative approval of said amendment be given by the County Auditor as provided by the resolution of this Board adopted on December 30, 1930, in the matter of said Drainage District No. 1.

On motion of J. Henry Schaefer, seconded by A. J. Altekruze, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business relating to Drainage District No. 1, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the Board of Supervisors continue its regular session.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER—PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1930				
Fund	Balance 6-1-1930	Receipts 6-1-1930	Disbursements 6-1-1930	Balance 6-1-1931
General State Revenue	48,658.47	48,658.47	48,658.47	48,658.47
Soldiers' Bonus	4,252.06	4,252.06	4,252.06	4,252.06
County Fund	6,394.87	6,394.87	6,394.87	6,394.87
Court Expense	5,371.19	5,371.19	5,371.19	5,371.19
Relief Fund	3,460.38	3,460.38	3,460.38	3,460.38
State Insane	6,640.80	6,640.80	6,640.80	6,640.80
School County	3,876.26	3,876.26	3,876.26	3,876.26
Soldiers' Relief	2,374.86	2,374.86	2,374.86	2,374.86
County Bond Fund	8,627.04	8,627.04	8,627.04	8,627.04
County Bond Fund Int.	57.60	57.60	57.60	57.60
Emergency	10,986.74	10,986.74	10,986.74	10,986.74
Juvenile	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43	6,405.43
Fair Ground	20.57	20.57	20.57	20.57
Extermination T. B.	6,603.10	6,603.10	6,603.10	6,603.10
Sec. Road Construction	18,224.14	18,224.14	18,224.14	18,224.14
Sec. Road Maintenance	26,167.01	26,167.01	26,167.01	26,167.01
Sec. Road Construction and Maintenance	11,778.91	11,778.91	11,778.91	11,778.91
County Insane	4,278.39	4,278.39	4,278.39	4,278.39
Co. Road Bond Construction	3,173.04	3,173.04	3,173.04	3,173.04
County Jail	2,232.25	2,232.25	2,232.25	2,232.25
Domestic Animal	369.30	369.30	369.30	369.30
Care of Patients in State Institutions	90,988.63	90,988.63	90,988.63	90,988.63
Island Levy	1,079.57	1,079.57	1,079.57	1,079.57
Primary Road Bond Construction	193,018.34	193,018.34	193,018.34	193,018.34
Primary Road Bond Redemption and Int.	2,835.92	2,835.92	2,835.92	2,835.92
Township Gasoline	1,964.50	1,964.50	1,964.50	1,964.50
State Sinking Fund Int.	7,949.69	7,949.69	7,949.69	7,949.69
Teachers' Institute	793.00	793.00	793.00	793.00
Library	746.91	746.91	746.91	746.91
County School	220,183.58	220,183.58	220,183.58	220,183.58
Corporations	4,293.81	4,293.81	4,293.81	4,293.81
Township Funds	12.36	12.36	12.36	12.36
Drainage and Levy Bond	3,602.80	3,602.80	3,602.80	3,602.80
Drainage and Levy Bond	13,854.53	13,854.53	13,854.53	13,854.53
West Liberty Paving Cert.	28.48	28.48	28.48	28.48
Wilton Paving Cert.	163.94	163.94	163.94	163.94
Muscatine Corp.	84.02	84.02	84.02	84.02
Anticipation Road Cert.	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25
Bridge Co.	66.24	66.24	66.24	66.24
Boards and Co.	56.42	56.42	56.42	56.42
Drainage Co.	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.16
Scavenger Sale	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$475,185.88</b>	<b>\$475,185.88</b>	<b>\$475,185.88</b>	<b>\$475,185.88</b>

**COUNTY TREASURER'S SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT**

On Hand June 1, 1930. \$475,185.88

From Current Taxes \$555,818.68

From Delinquent Taxes, 1928 and prior years. 2,854.57

Penalty, Interest and Costs. 5,940.44

Drainage Tax. 28,240.23

City Special Assessments (Paving, Sewer, Etc.). 28,240.23

Automobile Tax from State. 14,037.50

Interest on Bank Deposits. 7,949.69

Teachers Examination and Institute Fees. 793.00

State Appropriation for Teachers Institute. 50.00

Sale of Automobile Numbers and Licenses. 108,580.25

State of Bonds. 604,341.03

Fines and Forfeitures from Clerk. 887.00

Fines and Forfeitures from other Officers. 678.73

Trust Funds (including unclaimed fees) from Clerk. 4,220.37

Care of Patients in State Institutions. 90,988.63

State of Produce at County Home. 3,063.38

Sale of Bridge Material. 274.32

Fees from County Auditor. 3,309.60

Fees from County Treasurer. 1,835.70

Fees from County Recorder. 4,638.92

Fees from Clerk of District Court. 11,181.32

Massoline License Tax from State. 22,722.86

Cigarette License Tax. 185.60

Fees from other sources. 15,034.25

Refund from St. Brindges, Cul, and Co. Treas. etc. 816.00

Refund from Tax from Assessors. 47,243.95

Transfers from Funds. 47,243.95

**TOTAL** \$1,939,922.46

**DISBURSEMENTS**

State Treasurer's Receipts \$168,981.00

County Auditor's Warrants \$86,747.00

School Fund Loans \$3,447.57

Drainage Bonds, Warrants, etc. \$13,000.00

County Bonds Redeemed. \$15,265.00

Interest on Primary Road Bonds. \$26,945.99

City Specials (Paving, Sewer, etc. Certificates, Bonds). \$104,633.56

Orders on County Treasurer by President of Board. \$210,572.94

Township Clerk's Receipts \$519.14

Secretary of State's Receipts for Automobile Licenses. \$119.87

Miscellaneous Payments. \$50,550.40

Transfers to Funds. \$418,517.63

Balance on Hand December 31, 1930. \$418,517.63

**Total Disbursements** \$1,939,922.46

On motion duly seconded, the Board of Supervisors adjourned to meet January 3, 1931.

Attest: Kenneth Coder, Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa.

Muscatine, Iowa  
January 2, 1931

The Board of Supervisors of Muscatine County, Iowa met in adjourned session members present as follows:—Supervisors Fred R. Kaufmann, J. Henry Schaefer, A. J. Altekruze, W. J. Barclay, and George Sauer. A. J. Altekruze, and W. J. Barclay, Absent—None.

The County Auditor's list of warrants issued during the month of December was found correct after comparing same with stubs and cancelled warrants and on motion duly seconded, issuance of same was approved.

12 o'clock P. M.

The Board of Supervisors retired to the County Farm for the purpose of inspection and inventory.

On motion duly seconded, the following bonds were read and approved by the Board:—County Auditor; Ernest E. Peters, Deputy County Auditor; Josephine Fry, Deputy County Auditor; R. A. Kaufmann, County Treasurer; Arthur J. Nicholson, Deputy County Treasurer; Hazel M. Phillips, Deputy County Treasurer; William A. Griffin, Clerk of District Court; Edna A. Leu, Deputy Clerk of District Court; F. B. Nesper, Sheriff; L. G. Pace, Deputy Sheriff; Andrew Ernst, Bailiff; Harold E. Wilson, County Attorney; J. C. Parks, County Recorder; Peace, D. S. Duncan, Justice of Peace; W. S. Miller, Constable; William S. Schoenig, Constable; F. S. Abbott, Constable; M. F. Constance, Constable; J. E. Stauffer, Constable; Thomas E. Fountain, Clerk Waples Township; I. L. Kelley, Clerk Moscow Township; Elsworth Satterthwaite, Clerk Bloomington Township; Roy R. Baker, Clerk Lake Township; Lloyd E. Grimm, Assessor Muscatine Township; George Calvelage, Assessor Montpelier Township; Fred L. Watters, Assessor Goshen Township; Fred Satterthwaite, Assessor Bloomington Township; A. D. Cole, Assessor Satterthwaite Township; Henry T. Springmeier, Assessor Fulton Township; Clyde Goldsberry, Assessor Seventy-Six Township; John Stephens, Assessor Town of Nichols; J. F. Hankins, Assessor Cedar Township; C. C. Wolford, Assessor Town of Conesville.

On motion duly seconded and carried, Dr. A. B. Clapp was re-appointed examiner of the Blind for the year 1931.

The following domestic animal claim was shown: Lyall M. Paul, 1 Turkey, \$2.00.

On motion duly seconded, the Board adjourned to meet January 3, 1931.

Fred R. Kaufmann, Chairman.

Attest: Kenneth Coder, Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa.

Muscatine, Iowa  
January 6, 1931

The Board met in adjourned session with all members present. Supervisor Fred R. Kaufmann, Chairman, presided.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the office of Fireman at Heating Plant and Caretaker of grounds be abolished.

Supervisors J. Henry Schaefer, A.

written objections to said lists and affidavit of said Muscatine Journal as hereinbefore filed with this Board.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the Board adjourned to meet Monday, January 19, 1931.

Attest: Kenneth Coder, Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa.

Muscatine, Iowa  
January 19, 1931

The Board of Supervisors met with the assessors and the representatives of the State Board of Assessment Review.

The new data sheet was explained in detail by the representatives.

The remainder of the day was spent with the County Engineer, discussing Road and Bridge matters.

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W. G. Block Co., Co. Home	147.52	Dr. L. C. Howe, Examination	5.00
Benjamin Herresh, Muscatine Twp. Hosp. Serv.	229.00	Index Printing Company, Pub. Proc.	187.30
Butts Fair Store, Co. Home	4.57	G. W. Jones, R. O. W. Const.	36.73
Supplies	4.57	Edmund Jackson Co., Office Supplies	15.50
Brunner Motor Company, Machine repairs	1.00	Journal Printing Co., Gov. proclamations	23.60
Brumby Co., Inc., Office Supplies	.48	Journal Printing Co., Pub. Adjournment	16.00
Berry-Allman Hardware	67.41	Journal Printing Co., Bond of Sup. Proc.	377.20
Co. Machine repairs	18,472.74	A. W. Jones, Grocery, Oropo twp. groc.	28.72
Cleve Bryant, Fruitland Twp. Rent	5.30	A. F. Johnson, Est. No. 3	1,365.78
Bridge Groceries, Mus.	14.60	W. J. Knight, Mus. twp. groc.	7.00
Tw. Groc. Relief	54.76	Mrs. J. E. Kranz, Mus. twp. rent	10.00
W. J. Barclay, Sup. per di. ml.	132.40	Keuffel and Esser Co., of Y. Office Supplies	13.70
Austin Bain, labor pay roll	50.60	O. G. Kruger, Co. Home Supplies	12.00
Ed. Bujewski, labor pay roll	44.00	Mrs. J. E. Kranz, Mus. twp. rent	10.00
C. R. I. & P. Frt. on Coal, Co. Home	146.88	Harry Knox, Mus. twp. rent	5.00
George Chapman, Patrolman	54.76	Keuffel and Esser Co., of Y. Office Supplies	13.70
Floyd Coss, labor pay roll	1.20	O. G. Kruger, Co. Home Supplies	12.00
Arthur Clark, Patrolman	66.82	M. Kautz Baking Co., Co. Home Provisions	34.08
Bradford Crow, Draying	2.08	Koch Brothers, Office Supplies	354.61
W. F. Comstock, labor pay roll	16.30	Kilpato Loose Leaf Co., Office Supplies	21.57
Sam Coss, labor pay roll	80.50	Kaufman, Fred R., Sup. per di. & ml.	154.35
J. J. Callahan, Co. Home Equip.	8.64	Edward Lind, Hauling Longmeads, Green & Co., Books	5.92
J. J. Callahan, Co. Jail Equip.	2.10	Little Brown & Co. Home Pro.	73.35
Mrs. Anna Cromer, Mus. twp. Rent	5.00	H. S. Law, Fruitland twp. groc.	36.30
Charles Cromer, Mus. twp. Rent	14.50	S. J. Lewin, Mus. twp. groc.	45.01
Austin Cossin, Mus. twp. Rent	10.00	Lyons and Carnahan, Books	44.82
Mrs. Lillian Cracker, Aud. Extra help	2.50	Muscatine Water Works, Mus. twp. Water	35.33
Howard Coon, Co. Home Med. Supp.	2.50	Muscatine M. n. Elec. Plant, Light for Ct. House	154.38
Crecent Printing Co., Office Supplies	24.50	Olts Mull, Co. Home Stock	76.00
Collins-Hill Lumber and Coal Co., Co. Home repairs	8.63	Mrs. Ella Martin, Mus. twp. rel. rent	11.00
Fred R. Crow, Sweetland Twp. Groc.	52.25	Matt Parrott & Sons, Co. Office Supplies	34.00
Co. Supl. of Schools (Scott Co.) Books	3.80	Miller Jones Co., Co. Home Supplies	8.97
Collins-Hill Lumber and Coal Co., Co. Home repairs	5.98	Muscatine State Bank, Deposit box rent	3.00
Cousin-Hill Lumber and Coal Co., Machine repairs	18.06	Muscatine Welfare Association, Tel. rent	3.35
Conley Service Co., Machine repairs	8.75	Chas. L. Mull & Sons, Co. Home Prov.	56.90
Seaton Co., labor pay roll	1.20	East Martin, Co. Home Grain	20.34
Crawford Tractor Co. Maint. repairs	1.20		
W. F. Carl, Right of Way Will. Cochran, Inspection	127.50	Men's Reformatory, Co. Home Supplies	201.32
Sam Coss, labor pay roll	25.00	Milton's Grocery, Mus. twp. groc.	14.00
Sam Coss, labor pay roll	51.15	Matt Parrott & Sons, Office Supplies	5.30
George Chapman, Patrolman	37.40	B. A. Martleke, Draying	61.61
Maurice Dittman, Treas. Extra help	27.50	W. E. Martin, Foreman	51.67
Roy Dunker, labor pay roll	33.20	H. C. Meeker, Foreman	56.80
Tw. Drake, Sup. per di. and ml.	142.30	Sam McKee, Patrolman	294.40
Dubeday, Doran & Co., Books	11.81	Muscatine Implement Co., machine repairs	294.40
Diercks and Froehner, Mus. Twp. Groc.	50.00	A. L. Madden, Preparing for the Cold	1.00
William Doty, Mus. Twp. Rent	8.00	McWilliams and Henry Smith, Hauling garbage	10.40
Marion A. Davis, expenses	3.70	W. S. McKee, stamps	10.40
Maurice Dittman, Treas. Extra help	12.50	W. S. McKee, P. O. Box	13.00
Edna Grocer, Mus. Twp. Groc.	35.99	McKee Feed & Grain Co., Co. Home Supplies	22.00
Ed. Dora and Sons, Frt. and Dray	5.65	W. H. McBride, Med. & Surg.	65.00
T. Dora and Sons, Mus. Twp. Groc.	45.35	Stewart Niebling, labor pay roll	268.00
Dittie Inc. Office Supplies	11.78	F. P. Nesper, Sheriff's Ml. Mus. twp. groc.	1.00
Roy Dunker, labor pay roll	29.60	Nesper & Sons, twp. rent	1.00
George Eitman, Mus. Twp. Groc.	107.24	National Black Company, Co. Home Prov.	145.00
H. B. Freers, Meter Rent	5.25	Northwestern Bell Tel. Co. Co. rent and toll	89.00
Louis Fick, labor pay roll	126.80	B. F. Norton, Medicine Co. rent	145.00
Harry Freese, Patrolman	119.90	W. S. Norton, Medicine Co. Relief	51.00
A. J. Fitzgerald, Mus. Twp. Rent	15.00	Norton & Co., Maint. contract	846.00
Mrs. Anna Ireland, Mus. Twp. Rent	5.00	W. O. Toole, R. O. W. Const.	160.00
Fidlar & Chamber Co., Books and Binding	417.05	Emmett O'Toole, labor pay roll	126.00
Paul Fischer, Treasurer's extra help	5.00	Oscar Olson, labor pay roll	126.00
Carateker's res.	4.00	O. A. Oostendorp, Draying	54.00
Roy Fisher, Mus. Twp. Groc.	3.50	Otto Grocery Co., Seventy Six. twp. groc.	54.00
C. B. Fisher, Mus. Twp. Groc.	6.00	Otto Grocery Co., Co. Home Prov.	118.00
Ben Finkle Gen. Store, Co. Home Provisions	25.32	C. F. Fowl, labor pay roll	67.00
T. Frisby, Grocery, Meat and Blood	11.00	Rex Piercy, labor pay roll	47.00
Freyermuth Shoe Store, Co. Home Supplies	1.75	Pub. Health Bureau, Seals	1.00
Walter Grilla, labor pay roll	35.90	Gwendolyn Phillips, Aud. other trip	6.00
William Garrison, labor pay roll	49.95	Chester Passmore, Draying	18.00
Edward Grimm, Patrolman	136.40	C. H. Pitchforth, Serv. in Aud. Office	32.00
Walter Grimm, man and team	4.80	C. H. Pitchforth, Express	21.00
Gierke, Robinson Co., Main Contract	6,697.18	C. H. Pitchforth, Mus. twp. groc.	18.00
Gobbie Grocery Co., Co. Home Provisions	14.13	Pippert and Rice, repairs, stamps	3.00
Grace Griffin, Aud. extra help	42.50	Pure Milk Company, Mus. twp. groc.	3.00
Great Western Supply Company, Ct. House	30.75	Pitchforth Storage Battery Co., repairs maint.	17.00
Dr. E. E. Goss, Jail Med. Service	7.00	Gust Rickheim, labor pay roll	6.00
Great Western Supply Company, Co. Home Supplies	39.00	C. F. Rickheim, labor pay roll	1.00
Mrs. N. Godfrey, Mus. Twp. Groc.	3.00	Frances Rosenbaum, service in Tr. off. office supplies	1,158.00
J. F. Hankins, R. O. W. Mileage	1.00	Frances Rosenbaum, Ryan Brothers, Mus. twp. groc.	31.50
Harold Houseman, labor pay roll	6.00	C. Reed, Co. Home Grain Co. Rockafeller, Co. Home Groc.	117.00
Arthur Henning, Patrolman	111.37	A. E. Reems, Co. Home Prov.	1.00
Floyd Halliday, Draying	4.20	Rand McNally Co., School Books	124.00
C. K. Healy, labor pay roll	149.82	D. L. Stuart, Patrolman	6.00
O. W. Hintermeister, Contract	660.16	William Strong, Mus. twp. rent	7.00
Walter Hain, Mus. Twp. Rent	5.00	Chas. Spaeth, Mus. twp. groc.	15.00
F. G. Halfrass, Engineer's Expense	18.86	Mrs. A. T. Surber, Mus. twp. rent	18.00
D. Hartman, Mus. Twp. Groc.	24.91	Mrs. N. Stiles, Co. Home other help	24.00
A. E. Hoffman, Mus. Twp. Groc.	90.00	H. B. Seems, Ct. House Repairs	18.00
Henderson's Drug Store, Med. Aid. Relief	5.70	Stiffell & Case Co., Inc. Co. Home Medicine	20.00
August Hoffman, Mus. Twp. Groc.	40.00	Sanitary Flog. & Htg. Co., repairs	10.00
Jos. Hart, Patrolman	1.74	Stiffell & Case Co., Co. Home Supplies	187.00
W. L. Hanrahan, Co. Home Provisions	72.12	Thelma Stein, Aud. other help	15.00
Higley Chem. Co., Co. Home Supplies	25.50	A. C. Sprinborn, Co. Home repairs	60.00
Holcomb Co., Co. Home Supplies	13.50	Stiffell & Case Co., Chemicals	18.00
Hohuke, W. J., Goashen twp. groc.	62.98	Shenckels & Sons, Co. Farm Fuel	10.00
Hinkley Cannery, Mus. twp. groc.	12.00	James Selman, attendant Geo. Shultz, Fruitland twp. groc.	3.00
Bill Havemann, Mus. twp. groc.	32.00	Wilson, Mus. twp. groc.	45.00



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G. V. Scott, Mus. twp.	14.00
Scott, Foreman & Co.	23.65
Books	1.20
Rehebn, machine repairs	59.65
Slater, labor pay roll	34.65
O. E. Stinnett, labor pay roll	34.65
Edward Sauer, dragging	2.40
O. L. Stuart, labor pay roll	21.60
Henry Shaffer, Sup. per Di.	45.10
and Mi. and Mi.	34.80
Harold TeStrake, labor pay roll	66.55
J. A. TeStrake, Co. Home supplies	4.90
R. S. Tills, Co. Home Services	2.50
Herman Theobald, Mus. twp. groc.	30.20
Thompson Brothers, Jail Supplies	.50
Thompson Brothers, Co. Supt. Supplies	.77

The Board of Supervisors, Muscatine County, Iowa, met for the purpose of opening bids for the following items:

Supervisor Fred R. Kaufmann, Chairman, presided. This being the time for the opening of corrugated pipe bids, the following bids were opened and read:

Klauser Mfg. Co. Corrugated Steel Metal.....\$1,777.50  
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After due consideration thereof by the Board of Supervisors, it was moved and seconded that the contract be awarded to the Iowa Culvert and Pipe Company on Rex Copper Bearing Steel.....\$1,720.65

On motion duly seconded and carried, the County Auditor was authorized and directed to return the certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

This being the time for the opening of lumber and piling bids, the following bids were opened and read:

Niedermeyer Martin Lumber Company, Portland, Oregon, on Douglas Fir.....\$5,066.15  
M. C. Storms, Ft. Madison, on Douglas Fir.....\$5,232.19  
Washington Wood Preserving Company, Minneapolis, Minn., on Douglas Fir.....\$5,066.62

Muscatine Lumber and Coal Company, Muscatine, Ia., on Douglas Fir.....\$5,176.15  
Mary A. Field, Des Moines, Iowa, on Douglas Fir.....\$5,176.15  
and not resubmitted because added to proposed blank.

Midwest Lumber Company, Dubuque, Ia., on Douglas Fir.....\$4,593.61  
Nebraska Bridge Supply & Lbr. Co., Omaha, Neb., on Douglas Fir.....\$4,593.61

On motion duly seconded and carried, the County Auditor was authorized and directed to return the certified checks to the unsuccessful bidders.

Moved by A. J. Altekruze, seconded by J. Henry Schaefer that the bond of A. F. Johnson be approved.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Kenneth Coder  
Auditor of Muscatine County, Iowa.

## Explains Why Governmental Taxes Are on the Increase

BY HERBERT H. LEHMAN  
Lieutenant Governor, State of New York

The budgets of all governmental units in this country have increased greatly in the last two decades, largely for the following reasons:

1.—The general increase in the cost of all service and commodities since the war, an increase which has progressed in an almost unbroken line save for brief periods.

2.—The increase in the social consciousness of the community which has been reflected in a broader character of both administration and legislation in order to be responsive to the ideals and needs of the people.

3.—An ever-growing disposition on the part of the smaller governmental units to shift part of their burden to the larger ones, and a willingness on the part of the larger units to accept the increased burden.

It appears to me to be important for the people to understand the situation so that the progress of government, both socially and economically, may continue in an orderly and uninterrupted course.

Cost is Changing  
The cost of carrying on the purely administrative functions of government usually changes slowly. In other words, government, like any other business, has a more or less fixed overhead which can not be greatly reduced on any given year, but which need not be substantially increased if proper care is exercised.

For the existing functions of government there will, therefore, probably be relatively little change in cost during the next several years, although in all governmental units there will undoubtedly have to be an equalizing readjustment of salaries to meet a more intelligent classification of positions.

To stabilize the administrative costs it will obviously be necessary to combat efforts to create new and unnecessary positions.

As I have intimated, one of the great reasons for the increased cost of government is the growing social consciousness of the people of the State. That development is likely to continue; in fact, we should all insist upon its continuance, but it is important that it be exerted along the lines of greatest possible social value.

Get Many Suggestions  
Each year there are scores, if not hundreds, of proposals submitted covering new activities to be undertaken by government. Most of these come from public-spirited disinterested individuals or groups; many of them have a substantial degree of merit. Obviously, it is not possible for government to address itself to more than a small part of the proposals.

Aside from this, many of the proposals have really no relations to government at all and are purely private in character. This fact frequently does not in any way diminish the insistence or the pressure brought to bear by those groups interested in the special projects, or lessens their efforts in agitating for the adoption of those projects.

There are certain undertakings to which the State government is committed and which it is in duty bound, both by statute and by humanitarian considerations, to further. For instance, its responsibility toward its dependent wards, the

TeStrake, labor pay roll	55.55
U. S. Bakery, Prov. Co.	34.79
Home	49.00
R. A. Van Dyke, stamps	20.00
Lillian Vaughn, extra help, Treas. off.	3.05
Nostrand Saddlery Co.	356.00
Vestal Chemical Co., Co.	15.73
Home supplies	75
Home extra help	332.50
Elmer Wilson, Co. Home repairs	26.00
Wilton Advocate, Proc.	35.00
Ed.	18.85
Waltman & West, Mus.	11.00
twp. groc.	694.58
Wittich Funeral Home, burial expenses, rel.	11.00
World Book Co. School books	8.00
Mrs. Minnie Wessels, Mus.	
twp. rent	
Harold E. Wilson, Co. Att. fines, etc.	
Mrs. Henry Yarch, Mus.	
twp. rent	
Fred M. Ziegler, Mus. twp. rent	

Muscatine Iowa  
January 29, 1931.

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## CAROLINA TAX ON RADIO SETS HELD INVALID

### Court Says Levy Interferes With Interstate Commerce

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Taxation of radio receiving set owners by the States is held unconstitutional as an interference with interstate commerce, under a decision rendered by the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina, holding the South Carolina law to this end unconstitutional, according to a report received by the Federal Radio Commission.

The court, in its decision rendered on Jan. 17, sustained the contention of the four plaintiffs, aided by the Radio Manufacturers' Association, that the South Carolina law was an interference with interstate commerce and could not be enforced.

An interlocutory injunction against enforcement of the South Carolina law was granted by the Federal Court restraining collection of the proposed tax on receiving sets.

Three-judge Court  
The decision was made by a specially constituted three-judge court consisting of Circuit Judge Parker and District Judges Cochran and Glenn. Actions were instituted against the State of South Carolina and the collector of taxes by the R. M. A. Station WBT, at Charlotte, N. C., a retail radio dealer, and a radio listener.

The tax here, said the opinion, "is directly laid upon a necessary instrument of interstate commerce, imposes a burden upon that commerce, and the act of the Legislature imposing it is therefore in conflict with the Constitution of the United States and is null and void."

The Commission it was stated orally Jan. 21, that the opinion is being given close scrutiny by its legal division, although it does not directly affect the Commission's operations. Commissioner Harold A. Lafont said the ruling is of great importance because it upholds the stipulation of Congress that radio is interstate commerce, and therefore is subject to Federal, rather than State regulation.

Decided on Test Case  
The decision was made in the test case brought by Station WBT, rather than in the supplemental cases. In this case the station contends that the interstate commerce and therefore cannot be subject to taxation by a State. The South Carolina law, passed last year, proposed to levy on owners of radio receiving sets a graduated tax ranging up to a maximum of \$2.50 per set. It was the first State law against owners of receiving sets, and the decision of the court, it was brought on, therefore is a precedent in radio law.

"There can be no doubt," said the opinion, "that communications by radio are interstate commerce. It has been so held by numerous courts, and the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States defining interstate commerce necessarily lead to this conclusion."

"Just a License Tax"  
"The plaintiff contends that all radio communication is necessarily interstate, and in the present state of the art, this appears to be correct. However, it is not inconceivable that radio communication may in the future be so perfected that it could be confined to a strictly intrastate character; but we do not consider it necessary to make any ruling upon that point now. Certainly under the facts of the present case the interstate character of the communication is established, and the plaintiff is entitled to its remedy."

"Here the tax is not a general property tax, but a license tax for the privilege of using an instrument of interstate commerce. Nor can it be sustained as a police regulation with an incidental tax to pay the expenses of the regulation, for it is not a tax on the use of the instrument, but a tax on the use of the instrument."

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## Bandits Obtain All of 15 Cents From "Necklers"

DES MOINES, Feb. 4.—(INS)—It may have been a pale moon, but it was shining just the same when "Bud" Steel, and Kenneth Taylor of Des Moines were parked in an automobile last night when they were two girls friends.

As they were enjoying the moonlight along came two young men in a Ford coupe. As the two approached the car occupied by Steel and Taylor and their friends they pointed a gun at the two couples and demanded money. The sum of 15 cents was the reward for their efforts.

MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Ia.—(Special)—Roland Roberts, a seriously ill with influenza.

Mart Watson, Henry Camp, Orin Tharp, William Legins, Matthew Comstock and Clarence Lake, attended the combination sale held in West Liberty Monday.

Arthur Birkhofer and John Birkhofer visited Monday with their father who is a patient in the University hospital in Iowa City. He has been in poor health the past year.

William Thompson was baling hay for Henry Smith near Wilton Monday. Those that assisted Mr. Smith were William Windle, Henry Heapher, James Smith, Frank Procter, Earl Smith and Edwin Camp.

The eighth grade pupils of Moscow independent school will take their county examinations at Muscatine next Saturday. Those that will write examinations are, Edwin Camp, Kenneth Legins, Florence Wilhelm, Wilfrid Oosten-dorp, Marie Wilhelm and Willie Stoneburner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller and Elwood Parker transacted business in Davenport Monday.

Mrs. Will Lear and daughter Margaret, Henry Ploehn and Margaret Lear were business visitors in Davenport Saturday.

Mrs. J. Tracy of Muscatine is visiting with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wildasin and family.

Mrs. William Van Gent and daughter of Muscatine, were visiting with Mrs. Gen's sister, Mrs. Roy Lincoln, Tuesday.

Fred Birkhofer was taken to Iowa City hospital Saturday for treatment. He has been ill at his home for a number of weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Millard Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith went along with Mr. Birkhofer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duffee of Wilton, Mrs. Emma Hain of Moscow, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson and daughter Patty, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoeft of Muscatine and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kloist of Davenport were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wildasin.

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# 'Iowa Leads Nation in Farm Bureau Membership' - Bliss

## LEADS NEAREST RIVAL BY 10,000 FAMILIES, SAYS

State 3rd in Co-operative Marketing, He Points Out

AMES, Ia.—(Special)—Iowa now leads the nation in the development of farm bureau organizations and programs, according to R. K. Bliss, director of the extension service at Iowa State college.

This fact is the best possible evidence of the value and success of the farm bureau and extension service program, says Bliss.

Iowa has an active farm bureau organization in every county and has approximately one-fifth of the total farm bureau membership of the United States. Iowa leads the next nearest state, Illinois, in farm bureau membership by 10,000 families.

Iowa stands third among the states in cooperative marketing. Iowa has 101 cow testing associations and is steadily gaining as a leading dairy state. Iowa stands among the leaders in the organization of agricultural interests and thru the extension service and county farm bureau an outstanding educational program is being conducted.

The county farm bureaus make it possible for the people who pay the taxes to get some of the immediate benefits of higher education.

### Found in the Furrow

A Scotch farmer, so the story goes, had agreed to deliver twenty hens to the local dealer. Only nineteen, however, were sent, and it was almost evening before the twentieth hen was brought in by the farmer. "You're certainly late with this one" said the butcher. "Aye, but she didn't lay until this afternoon" was Sandy's reply.

There isn't much profit to be derived from a good crop if granary pests are allowed to have full sway after the crops are harvested. The up-and-coming farmer of today is finding ways and means to end pest losses. The money saved through protection from pest evils makes a tidy sum for purposes which mean added pleasures and comforts in farm homes. And it is the wide-awake advertiser who, in the long run, realizes the benefits of the farmer's fight against pest damages.

Farmers make no profit and get no pleasure from the misfortunes of others. They recognize the fact, however, that farmers always have an adequate supply of troubles of their own, and that no one has as yet come along and picked up these difficulties and carried them off.

### Morning Sun Corps Installs Officers

MORNING SUN, Ia.—(Special)—Officers of the Henry O. Blake chapter No. 301, Woman's Relief Corps, have installed officers at a public ceremony in the Masonic hall.

Those seated are as follows: Nora Smith, president; Marie Cornic, senior vice-president; Gladys Kerr, junior vice-president; Viola Han-nah, treasurer; Mae Jarvis, secretary; Opal Marshall, conductor; Irene Gregory, assistant conductor; Cora Baird, guard; Mrs. Mary E. Kerr, assistant guard; Jennie Lee, patriotic instructor; Frances Cornic, press correspondent; Nellie Curran, musician; Gertrude Jackson, Bell Walker, Edith Anderson and Bessie Wheeler, color bearers. The officers were installed by a group from the Wapello corps. They are Mrs. Nellie Stroppe, Mrs. James, Mrs. Oss, Mrs. Weber and Mrs. Mayme Davison. Others who attended the meeting are Mrs. Shoemaker, past department president, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. George Wilson, past president of Wapello; Mrs. Anna Hauf and Mrs. Marie Mires of Mt. Union.

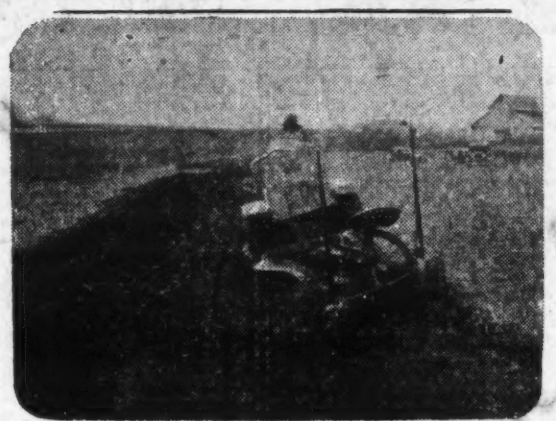
The birthday anniversary of former president William McKinley was observed at the meeting. A program consisting of a reading by Frances Wright, tap dancing by Elda Wheeler, and a piano solo by Nellie Curran, was given.

A farm bureau meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peterson Tuesday evening.

Members of the inter-church association will meet Feb. 10 at the Union church. A program will be presented and refreshments served.

Agriculture supports approximately 85 per cent of the population of Yugoslavia, about 45 per cent of the area of the kingdom being under cultivation.

### Terracing Proves Important



Farmers, especially in southern Iowa, are adopting terracing as an important part of their soil saving programs. The farmer pictured above is building a terrace to help prevent erosion on a sloping field. Thirty-three counties adopted soil saving programs in 1930. Most of the programs started are long time projects.

## START TENDER PLANTS INDOOR

Tomatoes, Eggplants, Peppers Require Protection

Seeds of plants of long growing season but of tropical nature that are destroyed by frosts or cold winds must be started indoors or under the shelter of frames outdoors. Tomatoes, peppers and eggplants are three of the tropical natives that need an indoor start. If you can't raise them from seed you will have to depend on plants bought from gardeners who have raised them under proper conditions. In this case the variety is limited as market gardeners usually stick closely to standard and well tried sorts.

The usual time for starting such seeds indoors is March, over the more northerly portions of the country and varying as the latitude gives earlier spring. Now is the time to look around for seed boxes. For the ordinary gardener who depends upon a sunny window clear boxes are the time-honored favorites. The flat bulb pans or pots are also useful and as they are deep do not dry out as quickly as the shallower boxes or flats. This is the time to keep a lookout for seed boxes and to start collecting them. Be sure to punch holes in the bottom of the boxes to cover with pieces of broken flower pots, crockery, or stone for drainage. It is also an excellent practical move to bind a couple of strands of wire tightly about the boxes about an inch or two apart as under the influence of moisture if of very light wood they are inclined to warp and make keeping them moist difficult.

The seed boxes must have light, and a sunny window for indoor work is essential, preferably a south window. If not given sufficient light spindling plants are bound to result with severe losses. They must always have air. They also will spindle if temperature is too high. Around 70 degrees for the greater part of the time is about right for the best success.

Sow seeds in rows even in seed boxes. It is easiest to care for the plants then and to handle them in transplanting. The old-fashioned method of broadcast sowing was wasteful and also the seed was always sown too thickly. Unless prepared for a quick job of transplanting, the seed should be sown thinly enough so the seedlings may make two true leaves without being too crowded.

### High Prairie

HIGH PRAIRIE, Ia.—(Special)—Harry White has moved into the D. Vanatta house recently vacated by L. W. Eichelberger. The Helting family, who lived on the La Tourette farm near Lucas Grove school, will occupy the tenant house on the Noll farm near Bayfield vacated by Harry White. Luther Lemaster has moved into the La Tourette house. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Pruitt, Smithland, Ia., will live on the McMichael farm near Union school where the Lemaster family have lived for several years. Mrs. A. D. Timberlake of Muscatine and Mrs. E. E. Eichelberger of this community, observed their birthday anniversaries at the home of Mrs. Timberlake Thursday. The birthday anniversaries of both women are on the same date, Jan. 29, and for the past 15 years they have celebrated together. One year they met at the home of Mrs. Eichelberger and the next at the home of Mrs. Timberlake.

Those from here who attended the event were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Eichelberger and Mrs. A. E. Timberlake.

## IOWA FARMERS WILL LEARN OF 1931 OUTLOOK

Series of Meetings to Be Held Starting February 9

AMES, Ia.—(Special)—Agricultural outlook information will be presented to Iowa farmers this year in a series of 36 conferences from Feb. 9 to Feb. 26 by members of the agricultural economics experiment station and the extension service at Iowa State college.

In the conferences to be held in 36 Iowa towns the outlook material will be adapted to the farming conditions of that district. Dr. A. G. Black, head of agricultural economics, and C. Galloway, farm management specialist, have been in Washington, D. C. the past week attending the national outlook conference. The information obtained there will be adapted to Iowa conditions.

The latest data concerning probable production and demand as well as the trends or cycles of farm prices will be explained to farmers to aid them in planning their production program for the coming years. Long time programs as well as the plan for 1931 will be considered.

The schedule of meetings follows: Feb. 9, Gowrie, Waukon, Oskaloosa; Feb. 10, Primghar, Decorah, Ottumwa; Feb. 11, Sibley, Northwood, Washington; Feb. 12, Rock Rapids, Mason City, Marengo; Feb. 13, Britt, Clarion, Brooklyn; Feb. 14, Ackley; Feb. 16, Sioux City, Tipton, Nevada; Feb. 17, Orange City, Davenport, Des Moines; Feb. 18, Thompson, Maquoketa, Harlan; Feb. 19, Spencer, Anamosa, Council Bluffs; Feb. 20, Cherokee, Iowa City, Sidney; Feb. 21, Cedar Rapids; Feb. 23, Vinton; Feb. 24, Eldkader; Feb. 25, Dubuque; and Feb. 26, Toledo.

### West Liberty

WEST LIBERTY, Ia.—(Special)—Members of the Wesleyan Bible class held a supper in the basement of the Methodist Episcopal church Monday evening. The event was largely attended and a short program was given.

An all day meeting is planned for the Loyal Workers' club at the Woodman hall Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heatherington spent Sunday in Muscatine. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Wardlow of Davenport are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gattson.

A camera that is water tight has been developed by a California photographer to make motion pictures in natural colors of tropical fish beneath the surface of the ocean.

## Illinois City Pair To Marry in Milan St. Ambrose Church

TAYLOR RIDGE, Ill.—(Special)—Announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Loretta McManus to Arthur Verschoore was made Saturday evening at a dinner party in Fairview. Miss McManus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McManus of Taylor Ridge. Mr. Verschoore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Verschoore, also of Taylor Ridge.

The wedding will take place Wednesday morning, Feb. 11 at St. Ambrose church, Milan. The Rev. Father Monaghan will officiate.

Miss McManus attended the Villa De Chantel in Rock Island, graduating with the class of 1926. She also attended the Western Illinois State Teachers college at Macomb and for the past five years has been teaching school west of Edginton.

Mr. Verschoore attended the Taylor Ridge school and is now employed by the Sturtevant Ice Cream company, of Rock Island. A series of parties is being arranged in honor of Miss McManus. The first will be held Thursday evening by the Misses Mary and Sarah Murphy, Mrs. Margaret Titterton and Miss Harriet McCarty in the apartment of the Misses Murphy, 2225 Seventh avenue, Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Wakefield of Lone Tree, Ia., and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wakefield spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wakefield.

Mrs. Charles Dunlap has practically recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. W. W. Long has returned home from Denison, Ia., where she attended the funeral of her brother, George Hutchison, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blaser and family of Coal Valley spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Daxson.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Dunlap, Sr., is spending the week at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlap in Ohio, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hofer entertained several relatives and friends at an oyster supper at their home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson of Rock Island were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Monigerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunlap and

daughter, Betty, visited Sunday with Fred Garret, a patient in St. Luke's hospital, Davenport.

Officers for the coming year were elected at a recent meeting of the telephone company stockholders. They are, president, Albert Hofer; vice-president, William Mack; secretary, Walter McCon-

nell; treasurer, William Baker; manager, Frank Curry. Mrs. Andrew Monigerson was reelection operator. She is starting in her third year in this position.

At Utica, N. Y.—Ed Don George claiming world's title, defeated Martin Plesina, Chicago.

Detachable spiked soles, strapped in place on boots or heavy shoes men working in slippery places.

Yugoslavia is building a railroad from Belgrade to connect the grain producing region of northeastern Slavonia with the Adriatic sea.

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